

This Messenger Dedicated to Missionary Work

Oakland President



... Leonard J. Lyon

Leonard Joseph Lyon was born April 6, 1913, in Salt Lake City, and was active in ward and stake positions during his young manhood. He served in the Central States Mission, 1934-1936, and married Elsie J. Maurer in the Salt Lake Temple when he returned home.

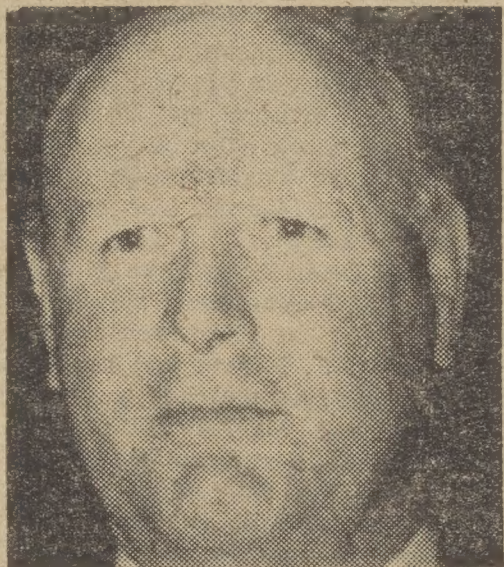
Elder Lyon was a stake missionary in San Fernando Stake, 1943 and 1944, and for the next two years he taught that stake's missionary training class.

Coming to Oakland Stake in 1946, Elder Lyon became stake Sunday school superintendent, 1946-1950. He was called into the stake mission in 1952, and became mission president in 1953.

Elder Lyon conducts the missionary training program based on the new method of presenting the gospel to investigators. Mrs. Elsie Lyon is associated with him in this work as a supervisor of training.

Leonard was head of the Oakland Stake Sunday school board for several years. Physically and spiritually very dynamic, Pres. Leonard has a way of enthusing others in whatever position he is called to fill.

Berkeley President



... Wells Wilkinson

Wells Bringham Wilkinson, Utah born, Idaho reared, has attended the Universities of Utah, Idaho, and George Washington, studying particularly law, political science, and speech.

His church activities have included quorum president of deacons, teachers, and now of the 339 quorum of seventy, stake and ward Sunday School and MIA organizations, and choirs; and civic and MIA drama groups. His 31-month mission was in the North Central States. He became Berkeley Stake mission president upon release of Phyl N. Hilton in June, '55.

Vocationally Wells is sales engineer and supervisor of machinery installations in the Bay area for Edgar Martin Co., a national firm of engineering distributors.

Emily Lorraine Smith of Idaho Falls became the wife of Elder Wilkinson in 1940. At present she is a member of the stake MIA board. Two sons and three daughters complete the Wilkinson family group in Walnut Creek.

Division Play-off Softball Games Set For Aug. 4, 5, 6,

By Ken Jensen
Div. 12 Sports Director

The senior softball program is reaching the playoff stage. The Division 12 playoffs will be held at Nichol Park, 35th and Macdonald Ave., in Richmond, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, August 4, 5, and 6. Eight stakes will be represented in the final playoff. Carmichael Ward is the defending champions of 1954.

We invite every member of the church to come and see all these hard-fought games.

Quarterly Conferences

Four Stakes for '55

BERKELEY
August 27, 28; November 12, 13

OAKLAND
Sept. 3, 4; Nov. 19, 20

PALO ALTO
Sept. 10, 11; Nov. 26, 27

SAN FRANCISCO
October 8, 9

Being a Mission Pres.

To be a stake mission president requires the patience of Job, the spirituality of Peter, the love of Mary, the fluency of Paul, the inspiration of Joseph Smith, the meekness of Moses, the courage of Joshua, the charm of David, the bravery of Daniel, the vision of John and the fire of Elijah.

Palo Alto President



... E. K. Hanks

Ephraim Knowlton Hanks, president of the Palo Alto Stake Mission was born in Cainsville, Utah, Sept. 4, 1896, and attended Bicknell High, Wayne County; B. Y. C., and Utah State, both in Logan.

He has been active in Church work from boyhood and saw service in his quorum presidencies, as well as in Sunday school and MIA. He filled a full-time mission in the Northern States Mission.

Elder Hanks married Gwendolyn Lloyd of Salt Lake City in 1924 in the S. L. Temple; in 1926 they moved to California. They have three children.

E. K. was named after his famous grandfather, "Eph" Hanks, mountaineer, handcart deliverance hero, who also enjoyed great power to heal the afflicted. Retta Gilbert, Berkeley Stake missionary, is a sister to Pres. Hanks.

Pres. Hanks served in the Northwestern States Mission while residing in Spokane. The Hanks have resided in Palo Alto Stake for the past four years. Before being called to head the stake mission he served as Stake Senior Aaronic supervisor.

San Francisco Pres.



... CARL S. COOMBS

Carl S. Coombs, 39, new San Francisco Stake mission president, a resident of Mill Valley, Marin County, claims Fielding, Utah, as birth place, and Bear River High as his alma mater. Then came a mission to the Eastern States, '36 to '38, a period in Los Angeles and then the Army, '41 to '45, part of the time at Fort Mason.

Attending S. F. Ward, Carl S. met and was wed to Mary Melita Strong, by Bishop C. W. Nalder, in January 1943, and in the Logan Temple, June 15, 1943. They have four sons.

Ward and stake Sunday school work first claimed him in San Francisco and then in Sacramento Stake where (1948-1952) he also served in MIA and the stake male octette.

In San Rafael Elder Coombs has been busy in S. S., MIA, budget committee, ward teaching, and now as senior president of the 222nd quorum of seventy. Sister Coombs has been active as ward librarian in three wards, now at San Rafael.

Marked Progress Seen In Missionary Work

Average 22 Hours Per Month in Duties

Pres. Leonard Lyons of Hayward directs 34 lady and 53 men missionaries laboring in 11 districts in Oakland Stake. These 87 averaged 22 hours in this sacred labor during the month of June. Great zeal is manifest by the group in their duties.

Total baptisms to date this year is 61. The mission reported a total of 156 convert baptisms in 1954.

The Mission districts and number of missionaries currently laboring in each are as follows: Alameda, 7; Castro Valley, 15; Centerville, 6; Hayward, 16; Oakland 9; Oakland II, 6; Oakland III, 4; Oakland IV., 7; San Leandro, 12; San Lorenzo, 3; Spanish, 2.

Rufus O. Phelps is the high council representative for the stake mission. Serving as counselors to President Lyon are Sterling Nicolaysen of Alameda, and A. Bliss Cook of San Leandro. Elsie Lyon is training supervisor and Amy Bruerton, secretary.

The 87 missionaries (who are wage earners or housewives during the daytime hours) on the average in June while spending 22 hours doing missionary work, went out 11 times, and held 4 cottage meetings.

Palo Alto Stake

Palo Alto Stake Sets Record in Baptisms

The stake mission in 1954 averaged about 56 missionaries per month. These men and women were out 5,673 times for a total of 10,146 hours. During the year, 2035 cottage meetings were held, resulting in 102 convert baptisms.

The converts to date for 1955, as reported, have reached a total of 60 for the first six months. The Palo Alto Stake mission presidency are: E. Kay Hanks, president with John Davis and Taft Wrathall, counselors, and Robert Conrad special counselor assistant. Howard Nielsen has charge of training missionaries and the program at Moffat Field. William R. Davis and Francis S. Davis are secretaries.

As of June 1955 there were 71 stake missionaries laboring in Palo Alto Stake in nine districts as follows: Burlingame, 7; Los Altos, 10; Menlo Park, 14; Palo Alto, 2; Coast Branch, 2; Redwood City, 12; San Bruno, 9; San Mateo, 8; and Northern Students, 7.

Church Wide

Church Wide . . .

By LeGrand Richards,
General Conference, April '55

"Last year, according to reports, 18,573 people decided to cast their lot with this great Church, leaving the teachings they had been taught, because of the efforts of the missionaries in bringing to them the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and I thank the Lord for each one of them and pray that they themselves may become working units and witnesses of the great truths the Lord has established in the earth."

"I told those good people down in that land that if I had come to them from the States with enough money to give each of them a million dollars, it would not be worth one hundredth part as much to them as the message that I had to bring to them. That represents the importance of our message. It is what Jesus called the 'pearl of great price.'"

President and Mrs. David O. McKay did much for widening the Church's missionary work through the friendships for the Church which they made and the spirit that awakened during their visit to the Islands of the Pacific early this year.

San Francisco Stake

Pres. Carl S. Coombs New Mission Head

The new presidency of the San Francisco Stake mission is Carl S. Coombs, president, with John C. Meirs and LeRoy Lambert counselors. Released with a hearty vote of thanks for work well done is James W. Challis (moved to Salt Lake City) with Joseph M. Greenland and Wilford B. Lindman, counselors.

As of July 1955, 37 stake missionaries are serving in the stake mission in seven districts: Balboa, 3; Mission, 8; San Francisco, 7; San Rafael, 8; Balboa II, 3; Sunset, 3; and Chinese Branch, 5.

In 1954 the stake mission had an average of 38 missionaries and 69 converts were baptised.

In 1955, January-June, the average number of stake missionaries has been 43, while convert baptisms to date this year number 37.

Wayne Lambert conducts a training class at least monthly, stressing the new systematic program for teaching the gospel.

Berkeley Stake

To Share the Joy That Comes to Those Who Find the Gospel

By Maurine Carbridge,
Missionary, Pleasant Hill

To share the joy that comes into the lives of those who honestly search and find the gospel, the course Christ gave us to follow in order to insure our returning to the presence of our Father in Heaven—what a thrilling experience that is to the missionary.

To witness the eagerness and enthusiasm displayed by these wonderful people continues to strengthen my testimony, and stimulates in me the zeal to share and continue to share this most priceless possession.

My mission has enriched my life beyond measure. It has given me new appreciation of my many blessings and privileges.

Oh, may I have the strength and courage to preserve and attain that most grand and glorious goal.

Christ taught us the value of perseverance in John 8: 31-32. "If ye continue in my work, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Oakland Stake's Missionary Pictures To Appear Next Month

For unavoidable reasons, Pres. Leonard Lyon announces that the group pictures of Oakland Stake's missionaries will not be available until next issue of the Messenger. He trusts that everyone will exercise patience in the meantime.

George E. Southgate One of God's Choice Noblemen Passes

George E. Southgate, 67, is dead! Who knew this polio crippled, Latter-day Saint but to love him and he made stronger and better for the knowing!

This man, one of God's choicest noblemen, blessed saints in the East Bay area by residing and working among them about 1934-1944 when he, his wife, Agnes, and friend Effie M. Bush (who later became his wife and companion after Agnes had died) ran a tailor shop in Berkeley.

Healed from tuberculosis in his youth and spared by a special blessing to lead in genealogical work, George E. inspired others to greater effort in work for the departed. Coordinator for LDS servicemen in the East Bay area in World War II, he, Agnes, and Effie are indelible printed in love in the hearts of scores of former GI boys.

Bro. Southgate passed away at his sister's home, Mrs. C. Ivan Bills, 2008 Lincoln Lane, Salt Lake City, Monday, July 18, 1955. Effie and daughter, Lucile Olsen, a sister, a brother and two grandchildren survive him.

Hayward

Shannon Murphy Enters Bishopric

By Cathy Gordin

Changes in the bishopric include Douglas Pimentel, new first counselor, formerly ward clerk; Max Blair, former instructor of this area's seminary, second counselor; Shannon Murphy, former statistical clerk, ward clerk; Gil Gordin, former stake missionary, statistical clerk.

On Fast Sundays only, Jr. Sunday School will dismiss at the same time as Senior Sunday (11:30).

First counsellor, Douglas Pimentel, who is also principal of Sorenson School, was chosen delegate to represent the Alameda County Education Association at the National Education Association at Chicago, from July 3rd to 8th. He is currently serving in the executive board of the Alameda County Education Association. His wife, Barbara, will accompany him to Chicago.

Marjory Johnson is organizing the ward choir.

Oakland Stake

Pres. Delbert Wright Goes to Harvard on Business Brush Up

By Mildred Fontano

President Delbert F. Wright has been singled out for a special privilege by General Mills. He will spend three months at Harvard brushing up on business administration.

The Latter-day Saint boys at Parks Air Base were restricted, as is customary just prior to departure from U. S. soil, and were not able to attend our 24th of July two-stake celebration. At their request a special program was taken to them, July 30.

Away on trips or just home again are the David Lairds of Alameda, on the continent and in Scotland, David's homeland; the Edward Ogden and his mother in Hawaii; the Rickey de Haas and daughter Carla in Holland, his homeland; the Roy Weindorfs in Europe on business and pleasure; the Milton Reams with Tabernacle choir to Europe and Swiss Temple dedication; the Bishop Herman Christensens and the J. Newell Christensens of Alameda to Stafor, Arizona, for a family reunion and sightseeing in the southwest; the W. Ren Hoopes in Los Angeles.

Ten of the wards in Oakland and Berkeley stakes held 24th of July services with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers furnishing entertainment and instructive commemorative programs.

The new home of the W. Ren Hoopes family is being built by contractor Rufus O. Phelps. The foundation has already been poured. Contractor Phelps is also building a home for Douglas and Ruth Swanson near the Hoopes' residence in the Oakland hills.

The high council presented a barbecue appliance to the Elmo Smiths for their new home. John and Winifred Spuhler of Oakland Third are waiting for their home to be completed in Walnut Creek. Reed and Lucille Schow of Alameda will also be moving to Walnut Creek and into a beautiful home. The Wayne McKinleys and the Clyde Lindsays have purchased two of the commodious homes built by the Centerville Ward tract.

Louis Boyle of San Lorenzo is moving into one of the Ross McClellan homes in Castro Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Byron (Noreen Morgan) of the A & B Motor Sales Co. of San Leandro are moving to Castro Valley as soon as a music room is added to house their new Hammond organ.

George and Irene Southwick Bagley held their annual family reunion in Oakland, July 2, 3, and 4 at the newly finished home of

Oakland Stake

LDS Garment Sales

Time Restrictions: Garments Available Only Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday evening only by appointment) at Welfare Center, 9838 Gould St., Oakland, LO. 9-1633. (Time restrictions made very necessary because of press of other vital, conflicting duties. Kindly observe).

San Leandro Ward

100% Record Held By Relief Society Teachers For 3 Years

By Lorna Beach

Our Relief Society is proud of their record of one hundred percent visiting teaching for over three years! They are busy preparing for the rummage sale to be held August 12 and 13.

Primary summer session was opened with a hot dog treat. Three new teachers have been added: Adele Harker, Eva LaBronte and Jean Finch. Folk dancing is one of the main activities, with Eva LaBronte as instructor.

Our former Bishop, John Webster, attended our fast meeting. He blessed his new granddaughter daughter of John and Marilyn Webster.

Congratulations to Alice and Herbert Spencer who were baptized last month. We are happy to welcome you to our membership. Also Della Grant, we wish you much joy!

Naomi Randall and her daughters visited in Gooding, Idaho; Elton Flaner family in Santa Barbara; Bill Nelson family at Twain Harte and Inazetta Fell in Canada. Brother George Ewald is in Long Beach on a business trip.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Harvey Malan family whose son, Patrick 2½ years of age, struck by a hit-run driver, is in a critical condition. His father was on his way to Japan at the time of the accident.

Donna and Linford Pearce. All 37 members of the family were present from Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and California.

All were former members of Oakland Stake. Present were Elwin, Cliff and Verl Bagley, and their families; the Watts, the Albridge and Ralph Barney families, and other relatives.

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Alameda

Dale Boshow Succeeds Bruce Roberts in MIA

By Amelia Everett

New YMMIA superintendent is Dale E. Boshow. He and his wife Bernice came here from Washington where he was Superintendent of Sunday school. Bernice is serving in our Junior Sunday school. Bruce Decker Roberts, who has served faithfully as YMMIA leader, with his wife Janet, and son Bruce, are moving to Seattle. Deck is going into the milk business with his brother-in-law.

Wesley and Katie Hunt were congratulated on their forty-ninth wedding anniversary Sunday, July 17.

Dr. Charles Eliason and family are back after two years of Army service. . . . Semour and Lynette Murray are back after a year in New York. He was formerly superintendent of Mutual, also elders quorum president.

Jay and Betsy Long have joined us. . . . Lloyd Green has returned from a year in the Pacific for Uncle Sam. . . . Ernest and Lorine Conrad visited us and her mother.

Donald and Laurel Bliss and family have moved to Oakland. Laurel and the bays were in an automobile accident in the tube, while on the way to our Sunday school July 10. All were shaken and some were bruised, but all are well now. Ruth Goodfellow has moved to 1542 Lincoln Ave. We are glad she remains in Alameda.

Since Monet Pitman's miraculous recovery from a cancer operation, she, with her mother, Sister Boyd of Texas, also her daughter Patricia, were in an automobile accident and Monet spent another week in the hospital. We are glad to report that she has recovered from injuries and pneumonia.

Emmy and Dick Stam, also Tom and Tena Stam and Maggie Sutton, Clair and Norma Hunt have been in Utah. Pat Ore flew to Utah and visited her parents in Grantsville. Cora Hallford is in Los Angeles visiting her mother. Jane Poswis flew to Nebraska to her sick mother, Lilly Price, whom she brought back with her. Drex and Verla Smith are camping somewhere on the coast.

David and Carol Green have moved to Bakersfield. Lloyd and Norma Ericson and son, John, have moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Ralph and La Verne Millard have been through the Salt Lake Temple. Sister Roberts of Salt Lake, visited her daughter, Ro-

Oakland Fourth

Mutual Girls Merit 28 Activity Awards

Sacrament meeting in Oakland Fourth Ward, July 10, was a "girls' awards" evening, under direction of President Margaret Wright of YWMIA.

As each girl came forward to receive her award from Bishop Bybee, she placed a flower in a large display card. When all 28 awards had been presented, the flowers spelled out "MIA". Awards are based on activity and attendance.

Special recognition was given to Vicki Martin for five years of 100 percent achievement; to Cecil Henderson for three years, and to Ann Martin for one year.

Oakland Fourth

3 Ward Members in Hospitals this Month

Three Oakland Fourth Ward members are in hospitals this month: Earl Wilson, assistant ward clerk, is in the Oakland Veterans administration hospital; Alma Scheuller is in Eden hospital in Castro Valley; and Sister Georgia Bernard is in Highland hospital. Brothers Wilson and Scheuller will also be remembered by Oakland Third ward members, where they lived for some time.

Alameda Ladies Win County Fair Prizes

By Amelia Everett

Two ladies from Alameda Ward won sweepstakes prizes at the Alameda county fair in June.

Sister Eugenie Daniel won first sweepstakes in canned foods which netted her more than \$200 in prize money, 14 first prizes (blue ribbons), 26 second prizes, and 19 thirds.

Sister Lillian Bagley received more than \$50 in prize money along with her winning second sweepstakes for cakes and candies.

Berta Berrey, for a few days this month. Melvin and Viola Payne have returned from a visit to his people in Idaho.

Ricky and Peggy de Haas and daughter, Carla, are in Holland, for a three-month visit with his folks.

Babies blessed, July 3: Joy Elizabeth Tedders, Carol Jean Chambers and Gary Michael Soots.

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Hayward Ward MIA Junior Volley Ball



THE HAYWARD WARD MIA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL GROUP Shown above are, left to right: Robert Woodcox, Dave Piercy, Richard David, David Phillips, Ronald Davis, Richard Tinsley, and Danny Souza.

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Study, Use Library Genealogy Facilities Advised By Expert

By Mrs. G. E. Schier

Praiseworthy comment still comes for the San Francisco Stake Reference Book and its companion the Berkeley Stake Lecture Series compiled by Mrs. G. E. Schier of San Francisco for church and public genealogists. The popular usage of these books has spotlighted the need of greater personal use and study of library facilities to aid successful genealogical endeavors.

The key to the library is the card index. Chief Librarian Clark and skilled staff, offer guided assistance at the S.F. Public Library, Main Branch, Larkin & McAllister Sts., from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Start your search with GENEALOGY—929.28s—Sources; lists material that will suit your initial needs. State histories and county records are also available. You do not have to have a S.F. card to use books in reference room.

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Prayer has always been a part of my life, but in doing the Lord's work we learn to be very dependent upon Him for inspiration, wisdom and guidance.

My wonderful companions have each helped and a very near-relationship develops when we are on our knees asking for help from our Heavenly Father.

To see the Gospel light come into someones life is the greatest experience a missionary can have.

The testimony that I have gained is priceless to me, for I know that this is God's work here upon the earth, and I have a firm conviction that I was called as was Aaron to serve Him in this capacity.

genealogical chairman, for personal guidance; or send for a survey report to the Index Bureau, Utah Genealogical Society.

Any one desiring to learn card indexing for personal use, are invited to communicate with Mrs. Schier, 2700-22nd St., San Francisco for Wednesday evening visits to S.F. Public Library from 6:30 p.m. Bring note book (3-hole type and pencil), family names and locations. This is a February schedule, by Chr. Ken Child of Mission Ward. Four meetings. Basic knowledge. Other courses scheduled later. All welcome.

Mission Ward and Balboa Second Ward of San Francisco are holding a joint series of review lessons on the San Francisco Stake Book Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Chr. Ken Child with Mrs. Schier and other speakers. Bring your pedigree problem. All welcome.

Gospel Redeemed Me From Ignorance And Useless Living

Fellow Saints:

I shall forever be grateful to those four missionaries who had a hand in my redemption from ignorance and useless living to the knowledge of the true gospel, and the desire to become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That opportunity opened the door of progression to that great goal we are all seeking. The truth of life after this test on earth is wonderful! How different from the doctrine taught by other churches on earth today.

After a little less than a year as a member of Christ's church my call as a stake missionary gave me the added blessings and an opportunity to pass on to others this great gospel. It also gave me the chance to open the way to my relatives.

I pray that I will remain active in His work, even after my mission is over, and that I can each day live the gospel a little more fully.

Harley Jlstus

WEDDINGS

Berkeley Second: Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Thulin announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorraine Alma, to Donald Stocker Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stocker Turner of Albany. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Berkeley Second: August 29 will be wedding day for Charles Summerhays and Utahna Sorenson of Springville, Utah. They will be married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mission ward: Miss Diane Unck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Unck, was married to Lucas Pottis, Jr., June 11. The ceremony was performed by President Wallace N. Allred, after which a reception for the popular young couple was held in the ward recreation hall. On June 23, they were sealed in the Logan Temple.

Oakland Fifth: Douglas Leslie Stone and Karen Sue Sedgwick will be married Monday, August 8 in the St. George Temple.

Sunset: Suzanne Roberts and James Lawrence Howes were married June 16, 1955 by Bishop Horace J. Ritchie at the bride's home.

Claudia Lauper and Richard L. Bushman of Salt Lake City will be married in the Salt Lake Temple, August 20. A premarriage reception for them will be held in the S. F. Stakehouse August 12.

BIRTHS

Alameda Ward: To Clifford and Dorothy Brooke, a girl, Terry Linn, on June 25.

Pleasant Hill: To Don and Vel-da Coffin, congratulations on their 8-pound boy born June 22. Paul and Joanne Rhodes were pleased to announce the arrival of their 7-pound son, Allen Paul, June 24.

Redwood City: To Carl and Nadine Wilcox, a daughter, on June 24.

San Mateo: To Arvin and Carol (Dunham) Gibson a boy, Craig Stuart Gibson, May 28.

OBITUARIES

Mission Ward: We regret the passing of Sister Emily McKenna July 1st. She was the loving mother of five children. She was active in Relief Society and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Also, Sister Blanche Quigley, wife of Brother Joseph Quigley, Saturday, July 9. Sister Quigley was active in Relief Society.

Alameda: Mr. Simpson died July 10. He was the husband of Alice, who was baptized in Alameda at the age of 79 years. He was the father of Sister Knudsen.

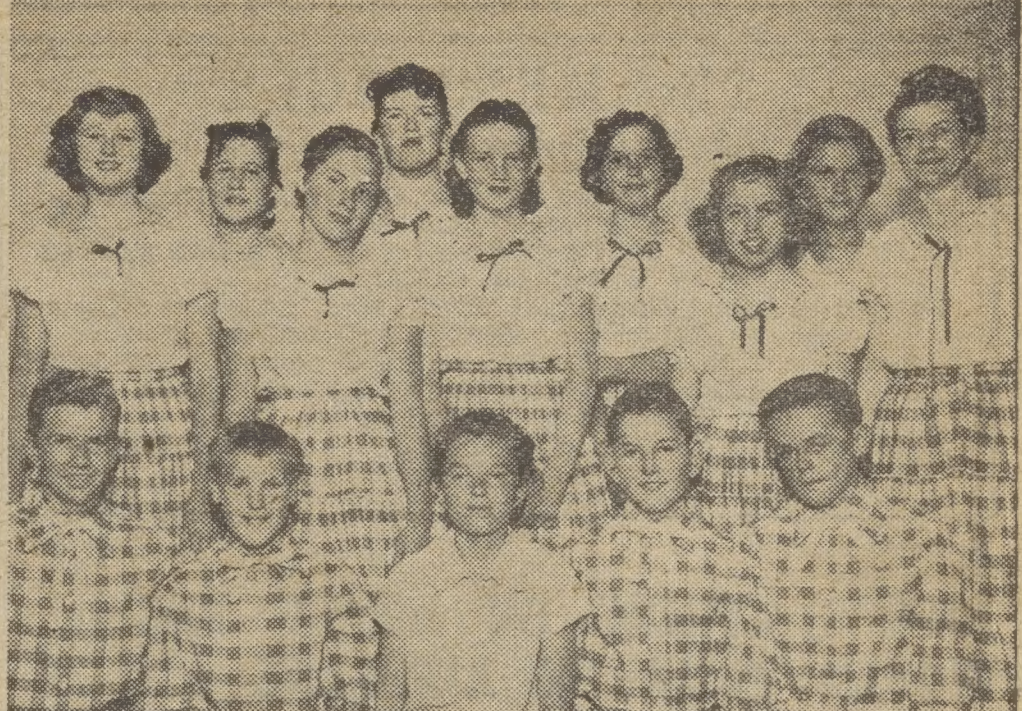
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Hayward Ward M.I.A. Active Dance Group



THE MIA DANCERS, HAYWARD WARD, shown above are, left to right, boys: Gary Majors, Bobby Crockett, Steven Roades, Sheldon McClelland, Walter Duncan; girls: Elaine White, Judy Fowler, Judy Tanner, Barbara LaPray, Bonita Taylor, Sybil McNeil, Sharlene McClelland, Judy Shumate, with Mitzie Majors, instructor This group has done floor show numbers, dance festival, and is preparing specialty numbers.

Claremont Ward

Dixie Bates Visits The Don C. Woods

By Ruth Garrod

Miss Dixie Bates of Phoenix, Arizona, was a recent house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood. While here, plans were made for her coming marriage to Calvin Wood September 10th in the Mesa Temple.

Frederick Setzer recently made a tour of the Mother Lode country and returned to the old Amador Hotel where he was born.

Major Joseph Wood attended Military Army Intelligence school at Ft. Ord, for two weeks of extensive study.

Everett Kearsley has recuperated enough to be able to come home for week ends from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason recently enjoyed a family reunion. All their children were together, including Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gleason and son Timothy from Fresno, Bishop Byron O. Gleason from Murray, Utah, Mrs. Ellene Seeborg from San Francisco, Mrs. Verona McCoy from El Cerrito, and Major and Mrs. Clarence Raine and their daughter Mary Irene.

Major Clarence Raine and his family are planning on making their home in the East bay area since he has recently retired from the Air Force after 25 years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason also had as house guests this past month Mr. and Mrs. Howard Casey from Richfield, Utah, Mr. Don Cloward from Payson, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Shadrack Schauer and family from Salt Lake, Mr. Raymond Clayton from Salt Lake City and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Young from Sacramento.

Only one baby was blessed on Fast Sunday; Suzan Bergeson was blessed by her father.

Edward Soper, 2056 Emerson St., Berkeley, and his sister Clara Simpson, of San Francisco Ward returned recently from three months travel in Europe from

Los Angeles Temple

So huge is the nearly completed Los Angeles Temple, says Architect Edward O. Anderson, that the Hawaiian Temple could be "placed in one end of this room", referring to west end of the L.A. structure. The width of the island temple is 75 feet, while the Los Angeles Temple's assembly room is 77 feet wide. It will seat 2609 people.

Italy to Norway. In Norway they were able to visit the very home where their departed mother was born. They also enjoyed meeting with the saints on the Sabbath in several countries.

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Berkeley First

JOSEPH EYRING ON ROUND THE WORLD TOUR BY AIRPLANE

Joseph C. Eyring of Eyring Realty Co., is one of 21 LDS travelers on a round-the-world tour by airplane. The tour is being directed by Dr. Richard Poll of the B.Y.U.

The Messenger received a large photograph of the entire party on the trip, but unfortunately Bro. Eyring stands so far back as to appear indistinct. Hence no picture possible.

The Jean Paulsons have moved to a residence on the Orinda ranch owned by J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley. Mrs. Paulson (La Verne) become one of the sales ladies with the Eyring Realty.

Welfare canning of apricots for the budget was completed by our ward July 14 when 30 to 40 members joined in the project at the stake cannery. Over 1000 cans were processed.

Group canning was done by about 30 members July 20.

George E. Southgate, 67, a former well-known member of our ward died in Salt Lake City, July 18. See more detailed report elsewhere in this Messenger.

Vera Mayhew's interesting reading of a vivid fictionalized, tho authentic life story of a Utah pioneer, the grandmother of Wayne Mayhew, was the highlight of an excellent program in the ward chapel Sunday evening, July 24, furnished by the local chapter Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Russell H. Ball visited in late July with his parents, Rachel and I. B. Ball, while on official business from his Albuquerque office to the Livermore AEC operations. He reports Hazel and family well and enjoying their metropolitan, mile-high sunny city in New Mexico's desert setting. John Hilton, son of Eugene and Ruth Hilton, also lives in Albuquerque.

Pleasant Hill

Church Work Broadens Circle of Friendship

By Dora Friedrich

"There are many precious things that come to those who are active in the Church. One of the great riches we receive is that of associations with splendid people. The Gospel of Jesus Christ should cause a feeling of love to be in our hearts for all men. Especially endearing are the chain friendships we form with others in the service of the Master," said Bishop Joseph Roy Hilton in his message this month.

"I am most grateful for the many splendid people in our ward who love and serve each other. Surely service to each other is the spirit of the Gospel. May the Lord bless us to broaden the circle of our friendship to include all whom we might contact," he said," he concluded.

The Pleasant Hill ward had half of the concessions for the July 24th celebration held in Oakland: soda pop, popcorn, cake and hamburgers.

To anyone who is bored for the summer we say "Come to Mutual!" That will take care of your problem with parties, activities, lessons.

Baptisms for July: Allen Joy Jensen and Merrill Ivan Gray, 8-year olds. Blessings: Douglas Paul Simons blessed by his father, Calvin Simons. Kathleen Louise Kaufman, by her grandfather, Jim Kaufman.

Comings and Goings: Marilyn and Bob Smith and Robert Chalmers, with friends, attended the Logan and Salt Lake Temples during the week of June 20.

The Matthews received word from Arabia from Ted Willis last month. Ted was recently baptised. He has been active in the branch there.

Bal and Betty Evans and their two girls enjoyed a week-end at Russian River, July 18-19.

Dorothy and Bill Matthews, "dropped" their children with grandma and took off for the East to pick up a new car. They visited everywhere for 18 happy days.

Orinda Branch

Relief Society Newly Organized July 10

By Lillie B. Bargachr

Sunday July 10 marked another milestone toward complete organization of the Orinda Branch when the Relief Society was organized. Bonita Odom is president, with Mary Scott and Vera Hart counselors, and Ruth Smith, secretary. Irene Ranker, Stake Relief Society president, was principal speaker.

Welcome Newcomers: Bonnie and Charles Hill from Dimond Ward.

Sister Mary R. Wignal was baptised and confirmed July 3 by Pres. Emery Ranker.

Ladies of the branch interested in joining the stake singing mothers group were invited to the home of Sister Esther Ferguson, where they met with Sister Emma Harmon, stake director of this choral group and accompanist Grace Summerhays. Good progress was made in the first rehearsal.

Thanks to Bro. Stanton Benson for his inspiring lessons given to the senior Fireside group which meets alternate Sunday evenings at members' homes.

Our first missionaries, Rosemary and Bob Williams have arrived in England.

Frank Eggertsen, branch clerk, has returned with his family from Utah. They left one son, Karl for the summer.

We wish a speedy recovery to Joanne Hansen, who was admitted to the hospital

Martinez Ward

Meeting Time, Staff Change in Primary

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Starting time for Primary had to be changed back to 4:30 p. m. on Thursday so as not to conflict too much with the morning session. The James Ellises are now in charge of the guide patrol; Betty Evans is Children's Friend representative; new teachers are Pam Korth and Maurine Corsi. Ruth Jackson, former teacher is the organist. Glen Cook, graduated from Primary June 26, is recovering from a bicycle accident which broke his leg.

Two Mia Maids, Norma Williams and Sihley Cook, received gold rose pins. The Jr. Gleaner and Jr. M-Men had a swimming party at Mitchell's Canyon and danced afterwards. Jack Cousins is now in the service, training in San Diego. Sister Ruth Jackson, Jr. Gleaner teacher and Fireside leader, replaces Nan Lee Busby. Sister Ingram the new Mia Maid teacher replaces Sister Ellen Welches who is going on a mission. Bob Biseline from Ogden is here for the summer working at Shell Oil Co. He will return to BYU in the fall.

Andy Easton, Jr., is at home after a few weeks in the hospital. He suffered a heart attack early in June.

Vivian Holly Gardner, Douglas Martin Gardner, Lorraine Kay Foulk and Walter Lee Shutt were confirmed recently.

Edith Ellen Graves, daughter of Twila and Edward Graves, was blessed June 26.

Yale University's Study of Alcohol Not Too Good

After 15 year's study of alcoholism by scientists of the Laboratory of Applied Physiology at Yale University, a distinguished physician and scientist comments, "Yale . . . has given hardly a glimpse of any new scientific fact . . ." He then expresses the hope that Yale will present facts in the next 15 years about prevention, education on alcohol, and voluntary abstinence."

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Berkeley Second

The Gene Bramwells Busy in France, Hold Church Meeting

By Jean C. Smith

Bishop Ward Green recently received a letter from Lt. Gene Bramwell and his wife, Dorothy Harker Bramwell, from France. A group of church members meet together Tuesdays under his leadership.

Don Stone is back in the States after serving in the Pacific aboard a fueling ship.

Bill Woods has just been discharged from the Navy. He plans to attend Contra Costa Junior College this fall.

Welcome to these new families in our ward:

Hank and Elsie Railing, 417 Yolo Avenue, El Cerrito; Merlin and Lois Stevenson, 683 Vincente St.; The Stanley Kinter family, 6621 Central Avenue; Arlan and Eileen Haroldsen and four children, 1700 Marin Street.

Here's wishing you a very speedy recovery Sister Ada Umberger.

Ned P. Clyde is our new missionary district president, replacing Cline Black.

Our ward has four new stake missionaries: Fred Commendant, Lowell Flamm, Vlay Taufer, and Charles Silva.

Wyonna Bodily received an award of \$25 from the El Cerrito High School for outstanding achievement in music.

The Milton E. Noes and their daughter, Norma Uber, left for Ogden, Utah in early August where they will attend the wedding of Ruth Marie Noe, Milton's niece.

Bishop Green congratulates our ward for the fifty people who came out and canned more than our quota of apricots in just a few hours. The same wonderful cooperation is looked for in canning peaches and pears.

Concord Ward

Tom Ferguson Speaks Before Relief Society

By Lorraine Reinoldson

Tom E. Ferguson was "star attraction" for the Relief Society monthly summer meeting, July 21. All members of the Ward were guests.

Brother and Sister I. O. Nielson and family have moved to San Jose. Daughter, Marlene Neilson married Robert Gibbs in the Salt Lake Temple last month. Robert will attend San Jose State College this fall, studying to be a music teacher.

Lu Markham and Kay Creer are vacationing in Mexico.

Gertha Brown's daughter, Betty Gerber, formerly of Concord, came home for a 3 week visit from Washington, D. C.

Concord Junior and Senior Softball teams have been winning steadily.

Proof of Concord's fast growth: 8 new LDS families in the last two weeks.

We had the pleasure of having Isaac Ball as guest speaker in a sacrament meeting last month. Brother Ball spent all day in Concord, giving patriarchal blessings to 14 people.

King Hinkley and family vacationed in Salt Lake, also visiting the Logan Temple.

We gladly welcome back full-time missionaries, Elders Black and Tejan.

Elder Robert Baldwin, Denmark Mission and the brother of Donna Enjaian, Swedish Mission, will be fortunate enough to attend the dedication of the Switzerland Temple.

Bishop Markham announces that the chapel will be substantially completed by the end of July. He extends thanks to all who have helped to bring this happy day into view.

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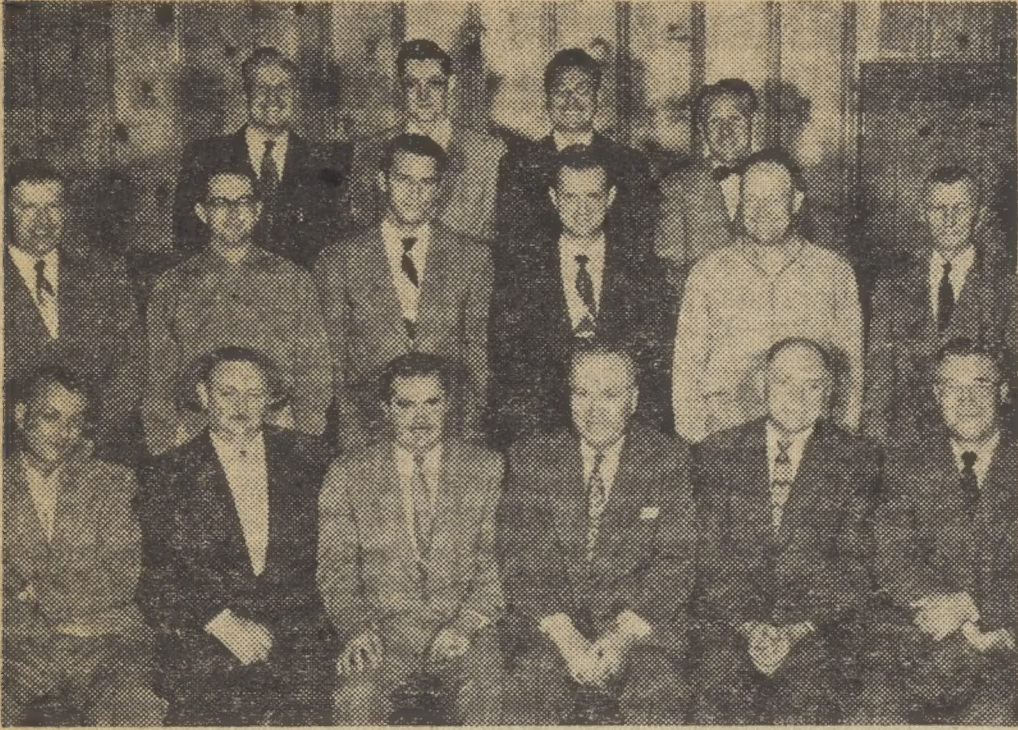
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San Francisco Stake

What Gospel Means To a Recent Convert

By Elder Everette Henry
Mission district president

Just three years ago I first entered the doors of Mission Ward and was greeted with a genuine welcome. This impressed me so that I determined to seek out the knowledge necessary to become a worthy member.

Then came the missionaries with whom I have become so well acquainted. To these good people I am deeply and eternally grateful.

Being taught the first principles of the gospel made me desire baptism—a necessary step to return to the presence of our Heavenly Father. Then came the joy of receiving the priesthood and the later elevation to the offices therein.

My joy is in knowing I am, in the later years of my life, on the right track, and an assurance of the possibility of eternal life. To these things I aspire.

I am a converted person to the laws of tithing and the Word of Wisdom. I was partaking of these things of which we are and I find I am in much better health and frame of mind since I discarded these evils not good for man. Also, by obeying the Word of Wisdom I find tithing doesn't strap one down.

I am now a stake missionary. In my cottage meetings with investigators, I am confronted with many problems of theirs that were the same as mine.

My blessings are more abundant than I have any right to claim. I would exhort you who have the desire to do any spreading of this glorious gospel to ask your bishop or anyone of the stake presidency to submit your names for consideration to fill a stake mission, and reap the blessings.

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S. F. Stake

Mission Work Blesses Both Worker, Convert

"Great will be your joy if you bring but one soul into the Lord", concludes Gay Miller, missionary in the Mission district . . . You realize how important everyone is in the eyes of our Father.

"There are many pockets in the cloak that is bestowed on a missionary", says sister Miller. "In one you find love for the Lord, in another love for your fellow men, in others you find patience, understanding, joy in sharing, self-development, growth of one's own testimony, and in another, the birth and growth of others' testimonies.

"The many hours of time spent in study and cottage meetings and time spent with other people is a great joy in itself."

Newell B. Cutler Writes

"Missionary work is enriching my life in so many ways," says Newell B. Cutler, president of the Chinese Branch.

"Enjoyment is gained from learning, and the missionary gains self-confidence in himself and develops a knowledge of the scriptures.

"One of the greatest thrills that a person can experience comes from teaching the gospel to some one that is willing to listen and eager to learn. This is one of the most satisfying experiences of missionary work.

"A missionary gains a keen insight into the worthwhile things in life. I receive great joy in my associations with my companion, in discussing the gospel and working out the problems we encounter.

"Lastly, and of more importance, is the joy I receive, knowing that I am serving my Father in Heaven, and that he is interested in my being successful in that service."

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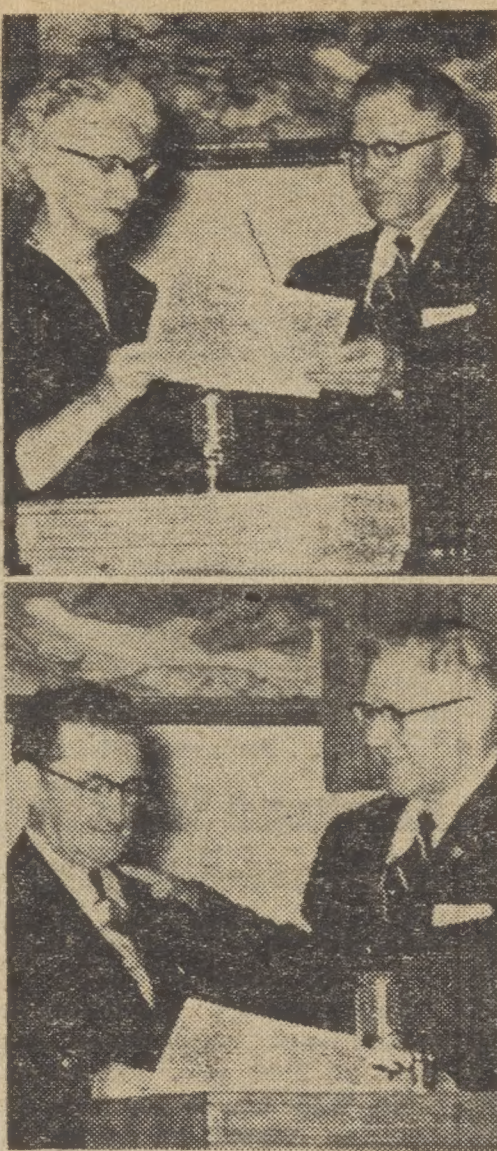
A sheep ranger, living all alone on his Idaho ranch, found that his violin was out of tune and that he couldn't tune it without some standard note to go by. So he wrote to the radio station in far-off California asking them to strike that note. They stopped the program, struck the note, the sheep ranger caught it, and the violin was in tune again.

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San Francisco Stake

Honorary Awards as Master M-Men And Golden Gleaner

President Serge J. Lauper presented the coveted award of Honorary Master M-Men and Honorary Golden Gleaner to Brother Charles E. Wright and Sister Sylvia W. Moulton, Sunday, June 5, 1955 during the S. F. Stake Conference.

Brother Charles E. Wright began his activities in MIA in Ogden, Utah, as member, teacher and superintendent. Upon arrival in San Francisco he and his family took an active part in the MIA of San Francisco Ward. During the last 12 years Brother Wright has acted in the ward bishopric as an advisor to the MIA. Young at heart, he is an example to youth. His cooperation and faithful, untiring aid to members in their activities makes him worthy to receive the award of Honorary Master M-Man.

Sister Sylvia Moulton of Midway, Utah, started her mutual activities by actively participating in drama, dances and operettas. Outstanding in many fields, she has not only gained the love and respect of her fellow workers but the may young people with whom she has been associated. Last year she was presented a Gold Pin inscribed "OUTSTANDING TEACHER" from the Balboa Ward. She has truly earned the title of Honorary Golden Gleaner.

List of Missionaries San Francisco Stake Balboa Ward

Christian W. Steffensen, Mary B. Steffensen, Mary Sernack.

Mission Ward

Gladys S. Crawford, Simon Wesley Downs, Emma Downs, Everette A. C. Henry (D. P.), Rean Hunter, Gay Miller, Theodore R. Neil, Edwin P. Soliai.

San Francisco Ward

Willard R. Christensen (D. P.), Richard Hollon, R. Wayne Lambert, Carol M. Teeple, Mill Elsie Trinnaman, Nolan J. Lutz, Jean Lemmon.

San Rafael Ward

Margaret Barrett Clark, Geraldine Alice Partridge, Jared Leon Jeppson, Richard Dean Long, Charles Smith Jr., Leslie Max Spencer (D. P.), Willard Edwin Stott, Don F. Clark.

Balboa Second Ward

Alice Cole, Wilford B. Lindman, Harold Lloyd Sullivan.

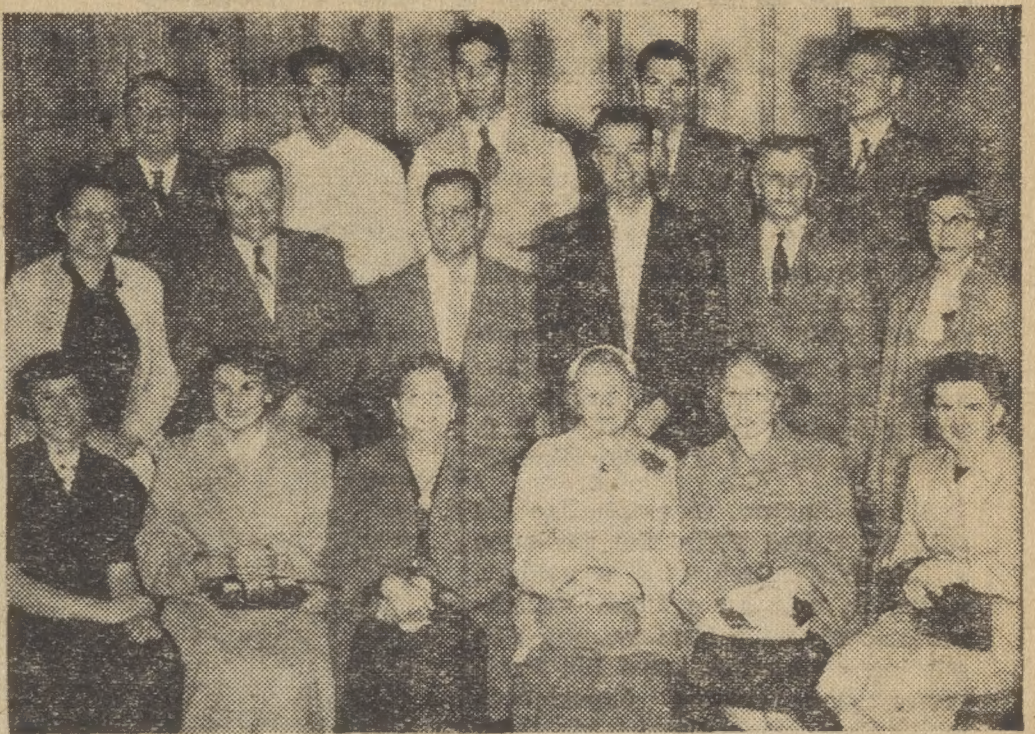
Sunset Ward

Maude Irene Schulz, Robert Lauren Larson, Ann F. Barton.

Chinese Branch

Newell B. Cutler (D. P.), James W. McAllister, Fay Carter, Donna Jeane Beachell, Elizabeth Louella Hardle.

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THE FIGURINES SHOWN ABOVE were brought back from Mexico by Thomas Stuart Ferguson of Oakland on his return last May from an exploratory expedition by the New World Archaeological Foundation of which Mr. Ferguson is organizer and president. The April - May trip to Mexico was made by automobile, thus providing opportunities to explore in Chiapas, southern Mexico and at several other sites from Mexico City southward.

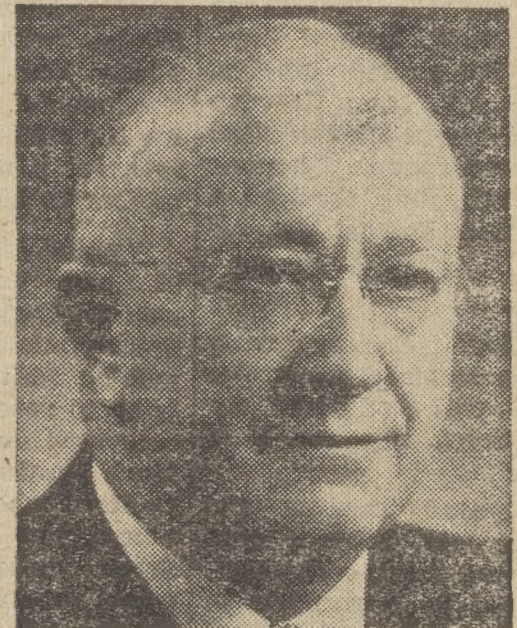
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First San Francisco Stake Fireside Thrilled by Address of Bishop Barton

By Beryl Theurer

A large group of young men and women listened in devoted silence to Bishop Willard B. Barton of Balboa Ward, speaker at the first stake Fireside of the year, July 17. Gathering on Sunday evening at the Stake House, after attending their respective ward sacrament meetings, this array of young leaders learned why "It is smart to be a Latter-day Saint."

Bishop Barton, to emphasize his subject, called from the audience a full-time missionary, a soldier, a doctor, and an athlete. Extemporaneously each humbly, and with stirring conviction, bore his testimony and related experiences which had strengthened his faith in the gospel. The rapt attention of the young people spelled success for this first Fireside.

Fred Grow, superintendent of the YMMIA, conducted. A short social, with refreshments, followed the meeting. Complete arrangements for the evening were under the direction of the stake MIA officers.

Sports and Fun Night Held

Over 125 M Men and Gleaners in the stake gathered for a real Sports and Fun Night at the Stake House, July 19. Fast-moving games, intermingled with dancing, with some summertime flavor, barbecued hot dogs and cool punch kept everyone happy.

Fun in the Sun

A day of "Fun in the Sun" was the outcome of the excursion by forty Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaners to Santa Cruz, July 9. Supervising the event were stake advisors, Carmen Tuttle and Frank Heiss.

Pioneer Day Festivities

Climaxing a series of activities commemorating Pioneer Day, the Stake MIA arranged an outing at Lake Anza in Tilden Park, Saturday, July 23. Games and much picnicking made the all-day event delightful.

Vacationers: Stake MIA board members Allen and Carmen Tuttle spent a short holiday in Utah to attend the marriage of Allen's brother. Young Women's President Phyllis Celentano hiked to the mountains with her family for a week of quiet laziness.

Stake Primary

Merle Dorius of the stake Primary board has recently returned with her family from a four-weeks tour of the country. The vacationers followed the Old Mormon Trail once traveled by Merle's great grandfather, one of the first Pony Express riders. Visiting the Hill Cumorah and the other sacred Mormon places and returning by the Southern route, they were able to visit some of the Mormon temples.

Blazer Kite Tournament

Prior to the release of Fina Abegg from the Stake Primary board, she supervised a Stake Kite Tournament for the Blazers in Golden Gate Park. Several boys, armed with kites and lunches, joined in the fun. John Crawley and Walter Liebey of Mission ward received the tournament honors. Each Blazer attending received a kite with a red hatchet for his bandalo.

Relief Society

With the Relief Society partly closed for the summer, Counselor Mary Tolley was contacted for news of the board members. Here is her report:

"On the second Tuesday and Wednesday of July, when a summer meeting was held, each meeting was visited by a member of the stake board. We are thrilled



... J. Bonner Ritchie



... Richard M. Cook

Elder Richard M. Cook, of San Francisco Ward, and J. Bonner Ritchie of Sunset Ward, who now are serving in the Blue Ridge district of the Eastern States Mission will appear in the 14th annual performance of America's foremost religious pageant, "America's Witness for Christ" at the Hill Cumorah. Over 100,000 view this Book of Mormon story pageant each year.

Dana Brush, a music major at the Brigham Young University, from Oakland Second Ward will sing with the choral group at the pageant, we are informed.

with the sweet spirit and outstanding work evident everywhere. May we invite the women of the wards to partake of these summer feasts.

"Happy news comes from Relief Society President Gladys Winter and her husband who are enjoying the summer in Maine with their daughter Louise.

"Carefree wanderers: Afton Logan and family recently returned from an extended trip. Nerva Huff spent two weeks traveling in Canada. Ann Barton is home again after spending some time in New Mexico with her daughter and family. Her young grandson Bart accompanied Sister Barton home for the summer. Nana Cole leaves soon for a month's visit with her mother in Utah.

"Convalescents: The sweet smile of Sister Vera Murray, who has been ill these past two months, is greatly missed. We are hoping she will be with us soon. It is gratifying to report that Della Gill has recovered from her recent illness. Much praise goes to Josephine Danford who, in spite of her long illness, has carried on her Relief Society duties from home. We are proud to have her as a member of the board."

Sunset



... Raymond Stein

Raymond Stein Goes To Swiss-Austrian Mission in August

By Oreti E. Aaron

Announced are: missionary testimonial in the ward chapel, August 14th at 5:00 p.m. for Raymond Stein who leaves for the Swiss-Austrian Mission on August 22nd. A dinner-dance with entertainment for the elders, their wives and members of the ward, in the recreation hall on August 5th. Contributions solicited for the missionary fund in the amount of one dollar each. . . . Sunset ward will be host to the stake on August 12th for an evening of entertainment and relaxation.

Richard Huish now is YMMIA activity counselor and Earl Mayfield secretary. . . . Welcome back, Dr. Harold Aldous, his wife, Ellen, and two young sons.

Ward teaching supervisors, Lee Clyde Barker, Myron Alvord, and George Wm. Aaron, announce that ward teachers who are successful in visiting the most homes during July and August will enjoy a chicken dinner at the hands of the less active.

The ward welfare assignment, 1200 cans of peaches and 1600 cans of pears, will be processed the latter part of August. Plan to enjoy a day at the cannery!

The following girls were recognized with individual awards on June 26th during sacrament meeting: April Aaron, Sherie Baumann, Carolyn Broberg, Pauline Lauper, Sarah Kanzler, Linda Johnson, Carole Hoppe, Marilyn Mairs, Catherine Mairs, Janice Mayfield, Judy Mayfield, Kathleen McDonald, Judy Pearson, Karen Ray, Josie Rich, Carolyn Roberts, Jane Roehl; leaders recognized were Lila B. Gildea, and Aileen Hanson.

Social Items

The Lester B. Farnsworths will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, Monday, August 8th, in the ward recreation hall. Heartiest congratulations!

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Roberts announce the marriage of their daughter, Suzanne, to James Lawrence Hawes, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Hawes of Carmel, California, on June 16th, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Horace J. Ritchie. James, a recent graduate of Stanford, goes on a graduate scholarship to Brown University in Providence, R. I. Suzanne, after two years at Stanford, continues her education at Pembroke College in the east.

President and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper honor their daughter, Claudia, and her fiancée, Richard L. Bushman of Salt Lake City, in a reception in the stakehouse August 12th. Coming from Utah for the occasion are Mrs. Crawford Gates (George Lauper) of Provo, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bushman, daughter, Cherry, and son, Bill of Salt Lake City. The Bushman and Lauper families will then go to Utah where Claudia and Richard will be married in the Salt Lake Temple August 20th. After an informal reception given by the Bushmans the newlyweds will leave for Cambridge where they will make their home for the next few years.

S. F. Ward

Kendell Owen Price Given Master M-Men Award in Absentia

By Patrea Egbert

Kendell Owen Price received his Master M-Men award July 17th. It was presented to Kendell's proud father, Bishop Price, as Ken is now in Germany.

There has been a lot of activity going on with the M-Men and Gleaners of our ward. So far this summer there have been numerous beach parties and outings, roller skating, ice skating, picnics, and over the July 4th week-end a camping trip to Big Basin.

YWMIA releases include these leaders: Marion Rockwood, drama; Maureen Pratt, Beehive; Barbara Peterson, Mia Maid; Analu Newman, Jr. gleaner; Merle Darius, gleaner; Barbara Hamilton, Era; Bebe Green, chorister; Carolyn Torgeson, speech director. Those sustained are: Marty Smith, drama; Barbara Peterson, speech; Phyllis Bingham, music; Mrs. Nixon Young, Era; Jerry Ivie, Beehive; Jennevee Stocking, Mia Maid; Analu Newman, gleaner.

Baptised and confirmed: Rose Marie Vega, Lorain Oliver Briel, and Thomas Lane Nelson. We welcome our new members.

We wish to welcome back Udell Poulsen, who has been in New York this past year for his company.

Josephine Hoffman and John Carlton were married in the Mesa Temple July 5, 1955.

Mission Ward

Two Young People Get Degrees at S. F.

By Helen L. Stolzenburg

Commencement exercises in Cox Stadium on the Lake Merced Campus of San Francisco State's graduating class, June 1st included two of our outstanding members.

Sheila Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peterson received a bachelor of arts in music. In the fall, Sheila plans to continue her studies toward her teacher's credential and a master's degree.

Allen Tuttle received his master of arts with a major in secondary education and minor in mathematics. His thesis was, "A Guide to the Teaching of Atomic Energy in the Secondary School." The thesis was placed in the library at the college.

After a busy and successful season the choir under the leadership of Sister Sheila Peterson is now enjoying a well earned vacation.

Burlingame, San Bruno

Donna Turner Smith Carole Larsen Thrill Palo Alto Stake Fete

By Bishop M. P. Pickering

Music lovers of the Palo Alto Stake thrilled Friday night, July 15, to the brilliant playing of Donna Turner Smith and the beautiful singing of Carole Larsen.

Sponsored by the Burlingame and San Bruno Wards, these two talented artists appeared in a Benefit Concert for the Pipe Organ Fund.

Carole Larsen, who will soon appear with the Golden Hind Company in Berkeley for 18 performances of "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, sang numbers composed by Grieg, Puccini, Copeland and Hageman.

Donna Turner Smith, who will be remembered for her outstanding performance with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra last April when she appeared as guest soloist, played selections from Beethoven, Schuman and Liszt.

The new pipe organ to be installed in the beautiful chapel used by the Burlingame and San Bruno Wards is now under construction by the Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois, and should be ready for installation the fore part of September.

Rodeo

Boy Scouts Enjoy Deer Creek Camping

by Una Ellsworth

Twelve Boy Scouts with Scout Master, Don Millgate and A. Herbert Wells, spent four days on a camping trip at Deer Creek, Lassen County.

Elsie Smith and June Beraz were sustained as leaders and teachers of the Gamma Rho Chi, organized in June.

Sister Clark of the Concord Ward helped organize the group.

The following officers were elected: president, Deane Davidson; vice president, Sussan Nelson; secretary, Sharon Kersey; treasurer, Sue Hamblin; historian, Kathleen Lenzi.

A potluck dinner was held by ward members in July. A dinner will be planned each month and proceeds will be turned over to the Welfare program. An hour of entertainment, an educational picture and a comedy.

J. Lynn McBride, who is at Mather A. F. Base in summer ROTC training visited our ward Sunday school recently and old family friends.

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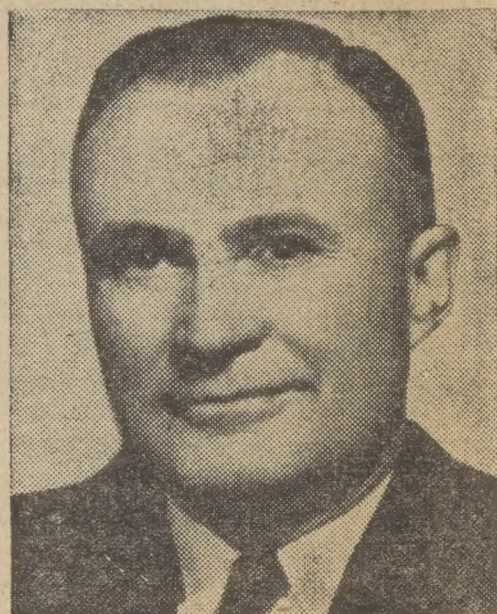
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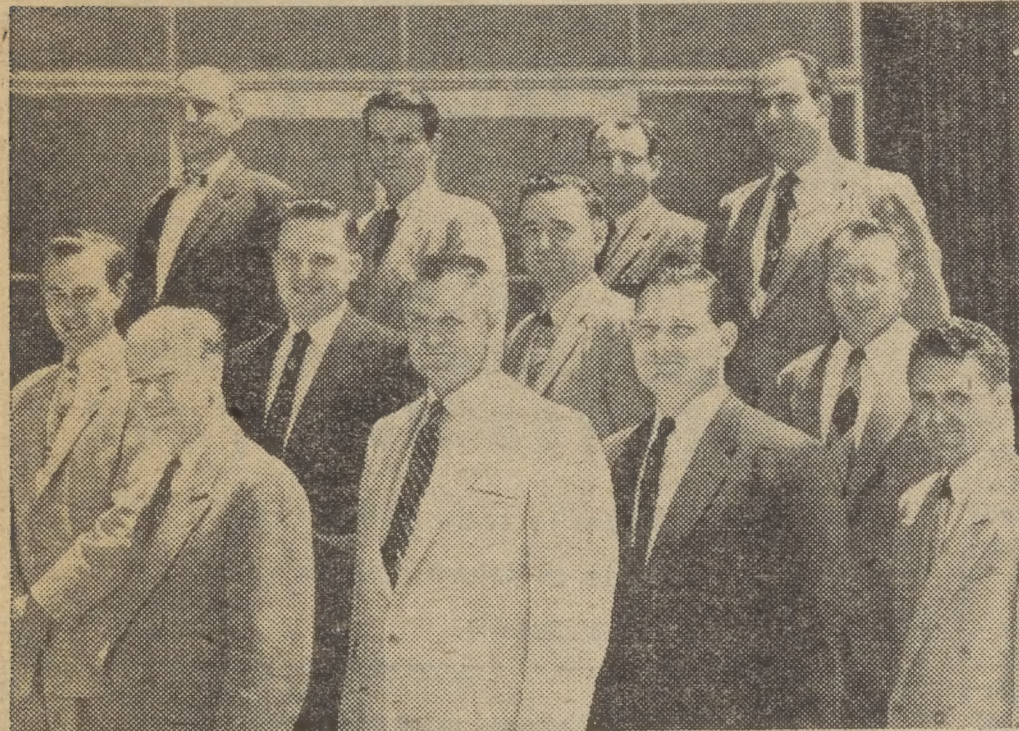


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Palo Alto Stake

Every Missionary has A Unique Experience

By Robert Denney
stake missionary Los Altos district
Every missionary who enters the service of God enjoys a unique experience.

Some missionaries reap blessings of a strong testimony, a greater love of the truth, a keen under-

standing of people and their problems. To me, missionary work means all of these as well as a greater desire to serve my fellow man. I have learned to give more freely of my time to those who can obtain a complete knowledge of the Gospel in no other way.

I have further learned that this "unpaid" service is a requisite to obtaining the confidence and love of those outside the Gospel and has a bearing on the effectiveness of my work.

Palo Alto Stake

Did Not Want to Live Then I Found Gospel And My Life Altered

By Sis. O'Day, Palo Alto Ward

Being a convert helps me to know that our Father in Heaven helps those that pray to him in the name of Jesus Christ.

I had lost my second husband and the next day I also had a heart attack. Truly I did not want to live. For a year I did nothing but cry. I was lost.

Then I found the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints thru Elder Heimindinger and my life changed. Now I know that I am here on earth to work out my salvation, and I know that this is the true Church and that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God.

I am a different person—all my friends tell me so. Our Heavenly Father has given me the opportunity to go through the Temple. God bless all those that helped me.

Palo Alto Stake

Missionary Work Gave Testimony Of Gospel Truth

By Chloe H. Nelson

missionary San Mateo District
Missionary work has strengthened my testimony. It has made me realize what the true gospel means in our lives.

It has made me humble and sincere in my desire to help others—it is a special privilege and opportunity to go into the homes as a representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to tell others the true gospel message; to closely associate with them; to pray with them; to learn to love them; to see the changes that come in their home life and to see many of them enter the waters of baptism and bear witness that the gospel is true.

It is a joy to work with companions who are filled with a testimony of the gospel; to fast and pray together and to love each other.

Oaks Baseball Owner May Transfer League Franchise to S. L. C.

The Desert News of July 15, carried this exclusive news item from a Los Angeles source:

Brick Laws, owner of the Oakland Oaks, has just about made up his mind to transfer his Pacific League baseball franchise to Salt Lake City, it was learned from an unimpeachable source

Palo Alto Ward

I Said I'm Too Busy To Listen to Message Yet Asked Elders In

By Norman Weersing
of Palo Alto

On the 27th of May, 1954, two young men came to my house. Finding me working in the garage, they stepped in and introduced themselves as minister of the gospel, and said that they had a message for me and would like ten or fifteen minutes of my time.

I was very busy, and said so, telling them twice all the things which I had to do, and the small amount of time which remained for me.

Well, the boys just stood and looked at me, and seemed rather unimpressed by my statements each time. They stood, looking neither apologetic nor aggressive, but firm, as if some inner strength was holding them to their task. There was nothing else to do; I asked them to come in.

After a few minutes of explanation of their mission and circumstances, they presented the first lesson in their teaching plan. I asked them to come again at a time when they could meet my wife and son, and we met every Sunday thereafter, and several evenings. We looked forward to these meetings; we had come to have a fine personal friendship with half a dozen or more of these young men, and they seemed to enjoy their Sunday dinners and conversations with us.

On July 3, 1954, my wife, my son (Age 12) and I were baptised, and confirmed in the Church July 4.

My son and I had never belonged to any church, and my wife had been in the Baptist church in her youth, but was inactive.

At the present time my wife teaches in the Junior Sunday school, my boy is president of his quorum of deacons, and also of the junior genealogical society, and I am serving as secretary of my quorum in the Senior Aaronic Priesthood, and will start as Scoutmaster next September. We look forward to the day when our son can go on a mission.

here Thursday night.

The Oakland owner has been investigating the Salt Lake City territory for the past month or so and his findings are enthusiastic.

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Palo Alto Wards Put Up 16,713 Cans

On Welfare Budget

In a news release dated July 20, 1955, Ralph Hawkins Martin, canning supervisor for Palo Alto Stake, reported to the Messenger that nine wards of the stake had worked a total of nine evenings (some may have been daytime hours) and totaled 16,713 cans on the Welfare budget and 1461 cans on a group basis from July 11 to 20. The report made no mention of the products canned.

The wards and number of cans processed for the budget were: San Bruno, 2,060; Burlingame, 1658; San Mateo, 1850; San Carlos, 2082; Redwood City, 2052; San Mateo, 89; Palo Alto, 2203; Menlo Park, 2542; Los Altos, 2177. San Mateo canned 1461 on a group basis.

The number of ward workers varied from 42 to 122, the later figure for Menlo Park, July 19, when they put up 2542 cans in one evening.

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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple." —Malachi 3:1.

How Gospel Points Us to Palomar

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Frank and Esther Rowe, Castro Valley Ward

Now we know, that all we could possibly learn from other churches was the "Golden Rule." Various sermons and Sunday school lessons narrowed our minds eye into a kind of kaleidoscope view of colorful Bible verses and characters, each swirling endlessly around a vague picture of the Saviour.

No one church could bring into focus the answers to such questions as, what is God? why are we here? and, where are we going?

We even dared ourselves once to venture into a Sunday school meeting in an Oakland ward, some fourteen years ago. But when no invitation to investigate or take part in any one of the activities, we felt indifferent towards the handshakes any church could give.

Finally, after years of searching, we looked only for communion with God through nature and self interpretation of the scriptures.

'How The Gospel Has Enriched Our Lives'

During January and February of 1954, we received and accepted the LDS missionary lessons with mixed and trembling emotions. Here was a chance for the needy to be fed and the sick healed. Why, every member, active, or inactive, became a "daily missionary" by his every action. We were astounded to learn how many people, including the bishop and his family, served without thought of remuneration. Certainly, this church must be a living tribute to Jesus Christ and our Father in Heaven.

Our baptism and confirmation gave us the right to exercise the priesthood that actually changed our kaleidoscope into a giant Mt. Palomar. Focusing through the Book of Mormon, every Bible verse stands out clearly with full meaning applied to the universe as well as our own lives. Most wonderful of all, the Patriarchal Blessing recently bestowed upon us, revealed our relation to God's plan and the pathway to celestial glory.

Already we have been blessed beyond all expectations as well as healed both mentally and physically. We have learned to be understanding and tolerate of others. The opportunity given us as dance directors of Castro Valley Ward, has developed our poise and given us a chance to share our Saturday nights square dance fun with church members and friends alike.

With the anticipation of "Temple Marriage" this fall, we are sure 'Mt. Palomar' is pointed in the right direction for the Gospel to enrich the last half of our life here on earth.

BRETHREN and SISTERS

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We have just been reading Chapter 9 of 2nd Corinthians, and would like to quote a verse or two for you:

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Sometimes we find the desire for material things so overwhelming that when the time comes to remember our obligations to the Lord we give grudgingly, and therefore miss something which is refining to our souls. A great philosopher once said: "A man may plod along for years without showing any sign of accomplishment... when sometime... unexpectedly... a powerful thought will seep into his mind... and a leader is born." As we read the

Scriptures, — and we do urge you to read the Scriptures — we find new and powerful thoughts coming to us and then we have the desire to learn of the mind and will of the Lord concerning us.

The story is told of a man in the Texas oil fields who became very rich. He wanted to use his money in the best way, and so gave much of it to churches and projects which he considered worthy. He generously helped his relatives, neighbors and friends. Of course he also invested large amounts and placed some of it in the banks. The Crash came. Many of us know what happened. The banks failed, and stocks became worthless. This man was left with only a home and a small income. As he considered the turn in events in his life he recalled with satisfaction that much of his wealth had been given away to bless others, and that these gifts were the richest of his treasure now that all he had saved had

My

Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

It was a time of great rejoicing in the little village of Aua, American Samoa. This was the day of General Conference for all the saints in American Samoa and Elder Matthew Cowley of the Council of the Twelve was to be their visitor. It was the occasion of his last visit to the village of Aua. It was Sunday morning and every man, woman and child who had found it possible was in attendance.

In the very front, right near the choir, sat Tufaga—who was High Talking Chief (spokesman for the village council) of the village. It was a moment of supreme importance to him, for he had been the first man in Aua to welcome the missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His son, Vaaita'ntia Matalolo had donated the land upon which the new chapel was built and both of them had worked diligently to promote the growth of the Church among the people in the village.

Tufaga was an old man now and for the past ten years had been totally deaf but he sat as near the speaker as possible in order to watch everything that took place. Probably few people noticed him during Brother Cowley's talk or noticed that he sat as one transfixed, barely moving—as though he was listening to every spoken word. Everyone knew that he was deaf and since Elder Cowley was speaking in English without a translator—they also knew that Tufaga couldn't understand, for he had no knowledge of English.

When the service was over however, they all noticed Tufaga for he was jumping about, waving his arms, laughing and talking excitedly to everyone near him. When his son asked him the reason for his great happiness—Tufaga explained that he had heard and understood every word of Brother Cowley's talk. Then he related the points covered by Brother Cowley; that he had spoken of faith, obedience to the commandments, the three degrees of glory, temple work and that he had promised the Samoan people there gathered, that if they would be faithful they would go back to their promised land at the time of the Savior's second coming and their skins would be made white.

Tufaga's hearing was not re-

gone.

Paul says: "He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly." Is it not a wise man who sees the "handwriting on the wall" and says to himself: "History also shows that unless men turn to their Heavenly Father and serve Him with their heart, mind and strength, that the time comes when the windows of Heaven are close to them."

We close with another statement from that great missionary, Paul: "Finally, brethren, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder.

stored permanently—only long enough to hear and understand the inspiring words of Brother Cowley. But that blessing was enough for this faithful man—and his testimony will always be remembered by those present on that memorable day. Tufaga died about five years ago and the honor of the title, High Talking Chief of the village of Aua, is now held by one of his older sons.

This remarkable incident was related to the writer by Mr. Lauolefiso Fa'amaligi, a Samoan elder who was present in the group surrounding Tufaga at the close of the service on that day and heard his testimony of this wonderful blessing. Brother Fa'amaligi was a member of the little branch in Leone village at that time and is now a member of Mission Ward in San Francisco Stake, (July 1955).

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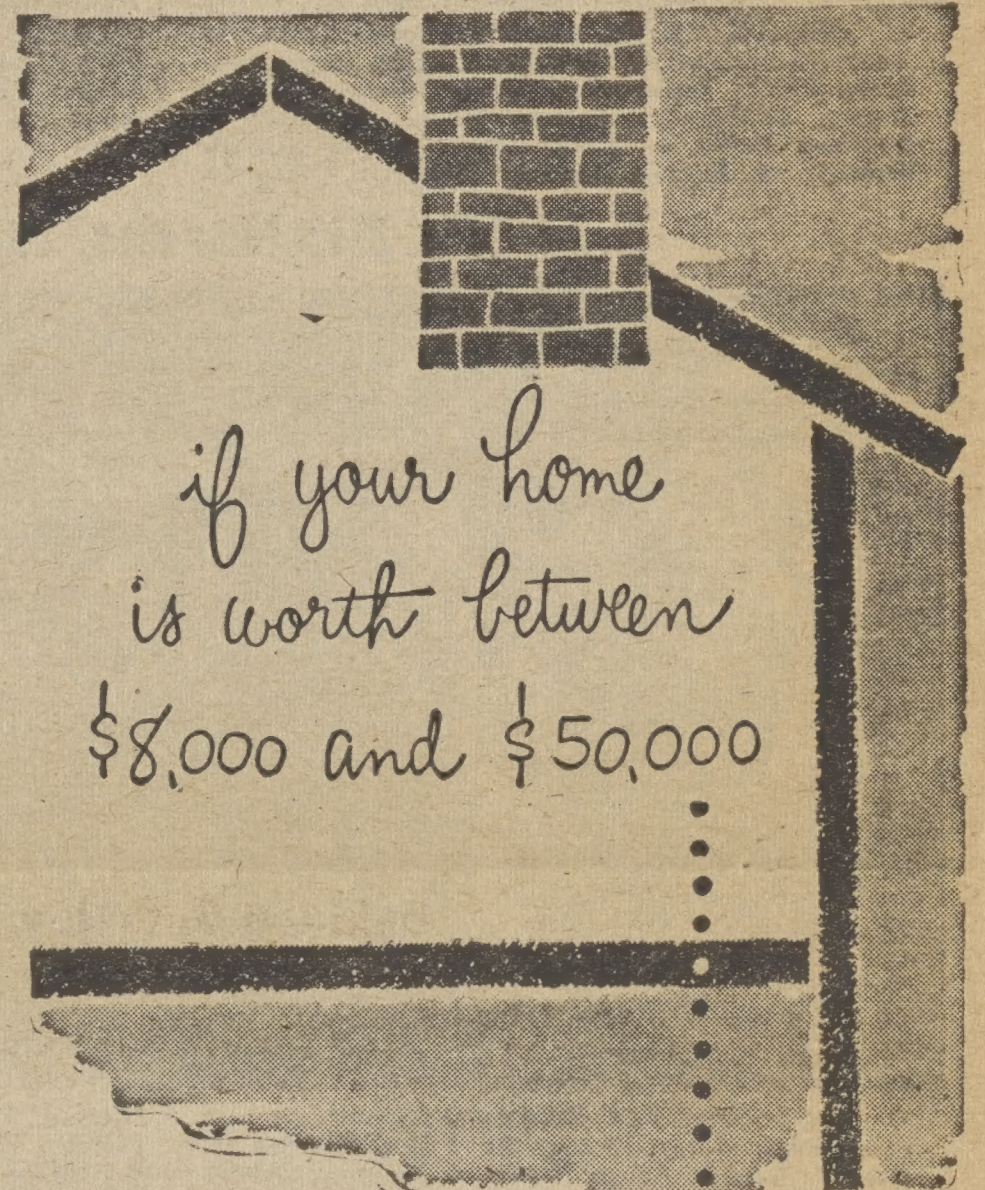
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**Enrollment; Attendance
Berkeley Stake M. I. A.**

According to the latest Berke-
ley Stake MIA figures (May '55),
Boy Scouts enroll 163 with 160
active; Explorers enroll 120 with
112 active; Jr. M-Men enroll 85
of which 68 are active, and M-
Men enroll 164 with 111 active.

Percentage attendance of the
active list in these four groups
for May was 61, 55, 35, and 25 re-
spectively. "Inactive" includes only
such as cannot attend being away
on missions, armed services, or at
school.

Berkeley Stake**My Mission Enriched
My Life by Really,
Fully Converting Me**

By Jerry H. Zenger,
Stake Missionary

My mission has enriched my
life because I have been convert-
ed while I have been a mission-
ary. (For many years) my church
activity had been that of many
other members, purely automatic
without basis in conviction.

Association with non-members
(after I came to California) from
led me to examine and study my
own church.

Two years ago I decided I owed
God and my Church a little of
my time, so I volunteered for a
stake mission and was called soon
after. It took a little time for me
to catch the missionary spirit, but
when I did, I felt guilty every
night I sat home when I could
have been doing missionary work.

Much of my work has been with
one member families. From them
I have learned tolerance
of someone's views with which
you disagree, but still love the
person for what he is. At the
same time I've seen happiness,
that was an incomplete happiness.
I've become convinced more than
ever that marriage in our Tem-
ples is the only way to achieve
real happiness.

Knowledge of the new mission-
ary plan has given me a sound
basis on which to proceed in
answering most all questions non-
members might ask.

To sum it all up, my mission
has given me a compulsion to
learn the gospel of Jesus Christ,
and the opportunity to tell people
that I know Jesus is the Christ
and that Joseph Smith a prophet
of God. I've felt some measure of
the happiness that can come from
serving others.

Berkeley Stake**Joy In Knowing That
I Am Never Alone**

By Jacqueline Hatch, convert
Since I have been a member of
this marvelous Church I have had
a feeling of peace within my heart.
There is such joy in knowing that
I am never alone, especially when
I need help. The Spirit of the Lord
is ever present to guide me in the
paths of righteousness and the
Holy Ghost is here to comfort and
(Continued on Page 10)

Berkeley Stake**Stake to Raise \$25,000 For Welfare Farm,
\$75,000 For Inter-Stake Church Center
On Ability To Pay Basis**

The Berkeley Stake priesthood
meeting July 9 voted unanimously
to support the stake presidency and
high council in a proposed raising
of \$100,000 for the stake farm and
the stake's share on the Inter-
stake Church Center on Temple
Hill, Oakland. \$75,000 would ten-
tatively fulfill the stake's share
of a cash payment on the \$700,000
church center.

The stake welfare farm in Solano
County will receive \$25,000 under
the proposal, \$15,000 being for the
March installment and \$10,000 to
provide working capital for farm
operations.

The proposed ability to pay plan
will adjust the payments over a
period of six months according to
each person's gross income. A pro-
posed tables of payments would
call for payments of \$8 where one's
gross income is \$2,000; \$15 for
gross incomes of \$2,000-\$3,000; \$32
on \$3,000-\$4,000 incomes; \$54 on
\$4,000-\$5,000 incomes; \$80 on
\$5,000-\$6,000; \$120 on \$6,000-
\$7,000; \$160 on \$8,000; \$200 on
\$9,000 and \$240 on \$10,000 incomes.

It is proposed to install more
pumps on the welfare farm and
also to level sections of the farm
so that these may be irrigated and
prepared for planting in better
paying crops, such as double crop-
ped beans and tomatoes.

The farm budget for the present
calls for the expenditures of a
total of about \$22,000, \$6,000 being
for construction of the farm house,
\$4,000 for fruit and nut trees and
\$25,000 for additional farm machin-
ery. Money on hand or in imme-
diate prospect from crops will pro-
vide \$22,000 above mentioned.

A total of 65 acres were leveled
in July and planted to beans.

**Oakland-Berkeley
Joint Celebration
July 24 Big Success**

From the thrilling six-stake
MIA Pioneer Ball at the Richmond
Memorial Auditorium Friday, July
22, to the Saturday evening MIA
dance in the Oakland Ward re-
creation hall, the Oakland-Berke-
ley joint Pioneer Day celebration
was declared a satisfying success.

Family picnics dotted beautiful
Arroyo Viejo Park in East Oak-
land Saturday, noon and afternoon
of Saturday, varied lunches and
soft drinks being on sale.

The kiddies parade, sponsored by
the two-stake Primaries, was de-
lightful; the games and sports,
races, and tug-o-war gave fun for
all, while the special pioneer pro-
gram and pageant by the joint
Sunday schools fitted the spirit of
the day.

Oakland Stake won over Berke-
ley in a tough all-star softball
game at McConnell Field.

The day was pronounced the
best ever held on its kind.

**Salt Laker Named
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native Utahns who now are in the
Robert R. Gros, born and edu-
cated in Salt Lake City, was named
vice-president of Pacific Gas and
Electric Co., in San Francisco in
mid-July. He joins a great many
native Utahns who now are in the
executive ranks or heads of some
of the nation's largest corpora-
tions, as Mr. Peterson of Logan,
president of Standard Oil of Cali-
fornia.

**Liahona Camp Head
Invites All to Enjoy
Many Camp Comforts**

By A. D. Erickson

This is the climax of a story
that has been seven years in the
making. Will you take seven min-
utes to sit down and read it.

This morning, July 13, at 5:30
a.m. I stood at the Berkeley Ward
chapel and watched the Berkeley
Stake MIA girls board busses for
a week's stay at your Liahona
Club mountain lodge. There were
140 girls and leaders in three large
busses, plus one truck for their
baggage and one for their sup-
plies. Their week will be spent
under inspiring leadership and in
strict accord with the great MIA
camping program. They slept out
at night under the stars and en-
joyed a week of nature study
among the trees, the streams and
the mountains. On July 20, a simi-
lar group from San Joaquin Stake
left for a week's stay, and follow-
ing them a group from Palo Alto
Stake.

We have a camp that is worth
many thousands of dollars, with
not a great deal of indebtedness.
The upstairs dormitories of the
lodge are new complete with eight
double beds and five singles. The
utilities room also has sleeping
quarters upstairs. This year we
built a new tent platform on which
we have placed our large tent.
There has been an additional large
rest room also built this year. The
barbecues have been put in condi-
tion and the lounge is now parti-
ally furnished and ready for use.
In this particular, I desire to pay
tribute to the Berkeley Stake
presidency and the Berkeley MIA
girls of last year who made cash
contributions with which we pur-
chased fourteen lovely metal
chairs. President Wright of the
Oakland Stake also remembered
us with an encouraging letter and
I want to pay special tribute to
Bishop D. Ross McClellan, Hay-
ward, who took his large truck
and hauled our equipment and
furnishings, including the piano,
to the camp in July. Thanks to
Jibson Brothers of Niles, the roads
entering our site and playing
fields are in good shape because
of their fine work last year. Uncle
Sam is working on the last lap of
the road that leads to the site. At
the close of this year it will be a
new paved boulevard all the way.

In conclusion, let me invite you
now to the camp's enjoyment. Af-
ter August 3, it will be open for
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Preview of the 1955-56 Program
of the Mutual Improvement Asso-
ciations will herald the annual
Berkeley Stake MIA Institute
Monday, August 22 and Wednes-
day, August 24, as announced by
the stake superintendency and
presidency of the Mutual organi-
zations.

Monday sessions, beginning at
7:30 p.m. will be held in the new
Concord Chapel while the Wed-
nesday sessions scheduled for the
same hour will be held in the
Berkeley Chapel.

Theme Presentation Monday

Pride in the Gospel of Jesus
Christ will keynote the Monday
sessions at which time the new
MIA theme will be introduced.

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel
of Christ; for it is the power of
God unto salvation, to every one
that believeth."

Also highlighting the Monday
sessions will be inspiring addresses
by stake priesthood leaders and a
full review of the 1955-56 pro-
gram including means of develop-
ing effective leadership for the
benefit of the youth of the
Church.

Who Will Attend

Attendance at the institute will
include all ward MIA superintend-
encies and presidencies, their se-
cretaries and their respective age
group and activity leaders. Also
invited to attend are ward bisho-
ps, high councilmen, and other
priesthood leaders. A special ses-
sion is being planned on MIA ob-

jectives for the informations of
bishops and other interested
leaders.

Wednesday 21 Departments

Wednesday at Berkeley will be
devoted to specific objectives of
each of the twenty-one depart-
ments of the Mutual. Full ex-
planations concerning technical
matters relating to timing of ac-
tivities, calendars, cooperations be-
tween class and activity leaders
and related subjects will be pre-
sented.

All sessions will be conducted
by stake MIA officers and teachers
many of whom were in attend-
ance at June Conference where
the program was given to them
directly from the servants of the
Lord.

Full attendance is urged by
stake priesthood and stake and
ward MIA leaders. Ward boards
which are not presently filled
should be completed prior to the
Institute in order that no ward
may lose the full benefits of the
program.

P. S. Remember the Era drive
gets underway Sunday, Sept. 8,
one month earlier than last year.

Messenger Slogan

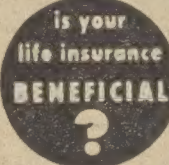
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I AM NOW A MORMON! STRANGE WORDS FOR SUCH A MAN AS I WAS

By Albert Thomas
Convert, Concord Ward

I am a Mormon! These are strange sounding words to a man who never before in his life had an interest, or a desire to know of the wonders, and glory of our Heavenly Father.

I was such a man until seven months ago.

Religion to me was a crutch for the weak, church a place for women to display their new frocks, and church members were fools

to waste their time with such things as prayer and tithing.

The world is full of people such as I was, yet there are many who have an earnest desire to attain favor in the sight of God but who cannot find the path that will lead them to this goal!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has given me countless blessings. I have come to understand the help that God gives to us, if we but ask it thru prayer.

I wish to testify that thru prayer I was able to give up cigarettes, and coffee, something I had attempted to do many times before on my own but had failed to achieve.

The priesthood has blessed my home with greater understanding, and has blessed me with the desire for self improvement. It was restored my faith in mankind and shown me that, with the help of our Heavenly Father, we can truly be, and are, children of God.

Joy In Knowing That I Am Never Alone

(Continued from Page 9)

teach me.

The gospel in our home has enriched each of our lives. As a family unit, we are closer together and share the happiness and blessings that come from living the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know that our children are growing up in a home that is filled with love for our Heavenly Father and love for one another. Each day we humble ourselves before Him in prayer of thanksgiving and pray that we may become more worthy of these blessings.

There is now new meaning to this life, a purpose to fulfill, and we have hope of life eternally together.

There are not words beautiful enough to describe the feeling of happiness within me nor the gratitude I feel toward my Heavenly Father for what he has done for me. I pray that I may grow in wisdom and knowledge and in a manner pleasing unto him.

Converted Catholic Hungered, Thirsted For Light and Truth

By Helen C. Cram, Oakland

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled."

When I was a fourteen year old Catholic girl I went to my favorite priest or "Father" and asked, "How can God just be space and still be a person?—Even if I am real good won't I ever be able to see him? How can the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be three and still be one, or be one and still be three?"

His answer was, "Helen, who are we mortals to question the word of God? Our job is to believe and have faith. There are many things that God did not intend us to comprehend. Have patience and someday He shall reveal what He wants to reveal."

This constant explanation did not relieve my hunger and thirst for truth and righteousness, so I turned to the rosary and the blessed statues for an answer, sometimes kneeling before the Blessed Mother. At other times I would kneel before the crucifix and speak to God directly—"God, have you deserted us during these days? You seem to have left us all alone without any kind of sign or answer to our questions. I have faith in you, dear God, but all I want to know is, why are there so many churches? What is going to happen to all the good people who don't belong to our church? Are you just space; or will I some day see you?"

One day while I was reading the Bible I had received for Christmas, two Latter-day Saint missionary girls came to the house where I was baby sitting. After explaining my problems to them, they told me that they had the right answers for me—would I like to read some material about their church? Knowing it was against my church's rules to read materials of other denominations, I had to think twice before I said yes.

I was given pamphlets and folders on Joseph Smith and the golden plates, and other church history.

After reading all the material and studying more on the Catholic faith, I began to disbelieve my church more and more and to believe the Church that Joseph Smith

claimed is the true Church of Jesus Christ. At the same time I was also feeling guilty for my thoughts and decided to tell the "Father" of my very un-Catholic-like action.

The first thing I was told to do was to go to confession and do penance, and hope that God would forgive me for disbelieving his one and only true church. I was told that Joseph Smith was just another person who had built his own church to suit his own purposes. Consequently, I re-entered the church I no longer believed in.

Not until 1953 when I met my Latter-day Saint husband did I realize that God was giving me a second chance to use my free agency and enter this marvelous Church I had been talked out of entering several years back.

Now that I have found myself and am asked to do something in the Church, I feel as though I have either done this same thing before or that I should be doing it. Each time I feel closer to the Church and gain a stronger testimony.

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Berkeley Second

BERKELEY SECOND ANNOUNCES BIGGER THAN EVER HARVEST FESTIVAL, BAZAAR, FAMILY DINNER

Calvin Smith has been appointed by Bishop Green, chairman of the ward's annual Bazaar, Harvest Festival, and Family Dinner, to be held October 15, 1955 at the Berkeley Chapel.

It will provide an evening of fun and goodwill for children and adults. Everyone loves Bazaars! The Ward Welfare Budget will be the beneficiary.

This year's Bazaar and Harvest Festival will repeat the most successful events of past years. Many innovations also will add high excitement and the spice of variety to the evening. Soft drinks, candy, ice cream, cake, and balloons will be on sale.

Top Features

The Relief Society Bazaar, Garden Shop, White Elephant Sale, Children's Book Sale, Fish Pond, and Movies are always attractive features. An assortment of carnival type games will be provided.

Among the new features will be the Post Office Sale, the Swap Shop for children's toys and and expanded and modified booth for Home Bottled Foods made from special recipes. Additional surprises will be announced later.

Family Dinner

A delicious, but inexpensive dinner will be served early in the evening by the Seventies Quorum on the covered patio. Clowns will cavort and music will play.

Cake Baking Contest

The second annual Cake Baking contest will provide an opportunity for children, teen-agers, men, and women to enter their cakes for judging and awards.

It is hoped that this event will be not only financial success, but also an evening of fun and goodwill for both children and adults.

Remember the Berkeley Second Ward Bazaar, Harvest Festival, and Family Dinner, October 15, 1955, at the Berkeley Ward Chapel.



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Attention All Berkeley Stake Golden Gleaners And Master M-Men

Donna Bates, Concord

The Golden Gleaners and Master M-Men Committee of the Berkeley Stake would like to contact all Golden Gleaners and Master M-Men in this area to make sure that their names are on our list. Some interesting activities are planned for the future and we do not wish anyone to miss them. Please send this information before August 20th to Kathryn Weeks, 936 Hawthorn Drive, Walnut Creek, Yellowstone 4-5398, or Donna Bates, 1273 Rosemary Lane, Concord, Mulberry 2-2823.

Richmond

Traveling Chain Dinners Fill Budget, Tummies Same Time

Dear Members of the Richmond Ward:

Response to the "Traveling Chain Dinners" so far has been excellent.

In the past dinners for our ward welfare budget have been held in the recreation hall. The bishopric and the ward financial committee thought that having them in the homes this year would serve as a means of filling our cash welfare budget, and at the same time better acquaint us with each other.

We take this opportunity of explaining how you participate.

You and your family will be invited to attend a "Chain Dinner" at the home of one of your friends. The charge will be \$2.50 per plate or \$5.00 per family. The host and hostess will furnish the dinner and you pay them. They turn this money over to the bishopric who issues receipts crediting you with that amount towards your share of the welfare budget.

Then comes your part in the chain. You invite some of your friends to have dinner at your home with you as host. It works like a chain letter. Soon every family in the ward will have participated two or three times over the year.

We are a sociable people and love to visit. These dinners provide an excellent opportunity for an enjoyable evening with our friends. At the same time it is pleasant and a worthwhile way of fulfilling the cash part of our welfare budget.

Let's get behind this idea and make it a huge success. Since most of us take our families out to eat now and then, let's make these occasions a real contribution to our welfare program.

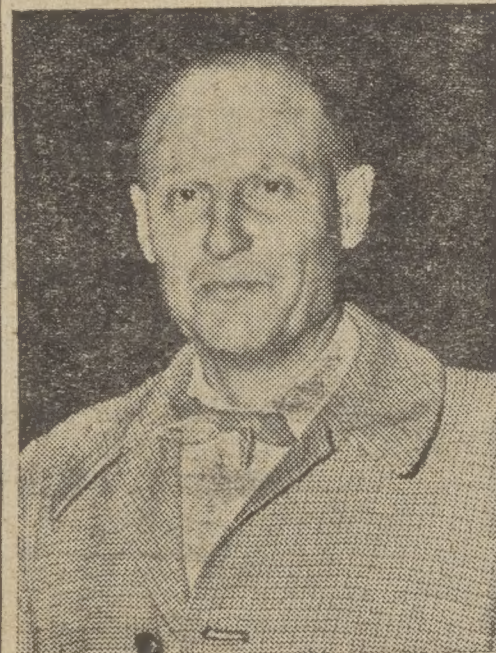
Richmond Ward Bishopric
Financial Committee

S. L. Tabernacle Choir Leaves on European Tour Saturday, August 13

The 375-voice Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, which completed its 26th consecutive year on CBS Radio in July, will leave on Saturday, August 13 for its first European concert tour. Traveling east by boat and returning by air, the choir will give eleven European concerts in a month, as well as sing at services of the Church throughout Europe. The noted group will sing at the Bern Temple dedication ceremonies September 11.

The European concerts will be conducted by the Choir's musical director J. Spencer Cornwall and his assistant Richard P. Condie, with Dr. Frank Asper and Dr. Alexander Schreiner alternating at the organ. The tour will include appearances in Cardiff (Wales); London, at the Royal Albert Hall; and Edinburgh, Brussels, Copenhagen, Berlin, Frankfurt, Berne, and Zurich.

Pres. and Mrs. Milton Ream, head of Oakland Stake presidency will be in the party.



PHIL LEWIS
Leader of Berkeley Stake
Softball Activity

Richmond Sunday School New Superintendency

Howard N. Childs has been sustained as the Richmond Ward Sunday school superintendent. Counselors Joseph W. Salter and Dick R. Kay are both recent additions in the ward. Joseph, originally from Woods Cross, Utah, the past several years has lived in California. Dick, with the Navy at Point Molate, has recently arrived

from Hawaii but his home is Provo, Utah.

All are very enthusiastic and have approached the many problems of Sunday school with great vigor and determination.

Alvin Hopkins and Bert Barker who have served as superintendent and first counselor for several years were released with a vote of thanks for their long and devoted service.

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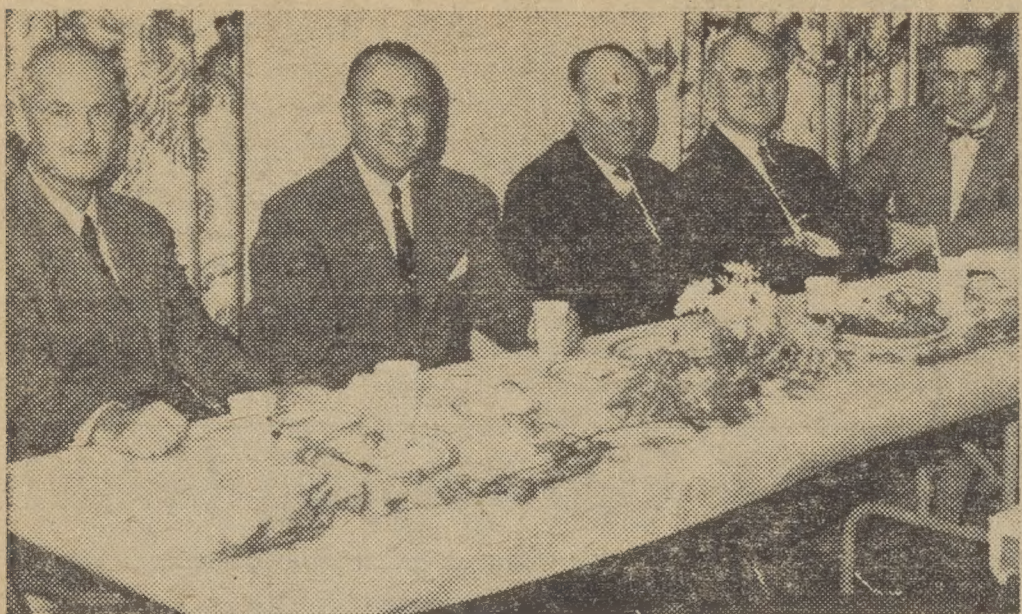
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Palo Alto Stake Aaronic Priesthood Banquet



AT THE GUEST'S TABLE AT THE PALO ALTO STAKE Father's and Sons Aaronic Priesthood Banquet, are, left to right: Lund H. Johnson, chairman, Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee; Stake President David B. Haight; Bishop Carl W. Buehner; Richard B. Sonne and Sidney V. Badger, counsellors to President Haight. More than 425 boys and their dads enjoyed the evening together.

CAMP DAYS AHEAD

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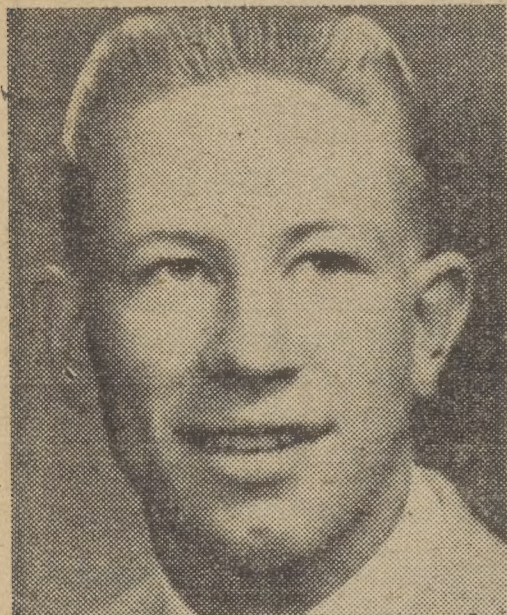
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Ronald Hunt, Pittsburg,
Receives Two Scholarships
At H. S. Graduation

By Gloria Magleby
Publicity Co-chairman

Ronald Hunt, the only LDS mem-
ber of his class at Antioch High
School, had many honors heaped
upon him at his recent graduation.
Besides serving two terms as stu-
dent body president, he received
two scholarships at his graduation,
one by the East Contra Costa
chapter of the University of Cali-
fornia and the other by the Cali-
fornia school employees associa-
tion. He plans to use both at the
University of California at Ber-
keley with dentistry as his major.
Ronald is the son of Mrs. Elva
Hunt of Antioch, and Ivan Hunt
(deceased). He has been very ac-
tive in the Pittsburg Ward of the
Berkeley Stake in his priesthood
quorum, the ward choir, and the
Mutual Improvement Association.

Carl Buehner Speaks
To Palo Alto Stake
Aaronic Priesthood

By Stanley Gibb

Bishop Carl W. Beuhner ad-
dressed more than 425 Aaronic
Priesthood members and their
fathers at the Third Annual Palo
Alto Stake Father's and Son's
Banquet on May 13, held in con-
nection with the quarterly stake
conference and in commemoration
of the 126th Anniversary of the
restoration of the Aaronic Priest-
hood.

Lund A. Johnson, chairman of
the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Com-
mittee was in charge of the affair.
Bishop Beuhner left an inspiring
message with all present—that the
most important event in modern
day history took place on the
banks of the Susquehanna River,
where the Prophet Joseph Smith
and Oliver Cowdery had an ap-
pointment with John the Baptist,
and there received the Aaronic
Priesthood.

William L. Stoker introduced
several of his students who per-
formed in dancing and singing acts
to the delight of all.

The next Aaronic Priesthood
activity is a Father's and Son's out-
ing slated for early in September.

COURTESY

A charming Virginia woman said
recently, "I believe my husband
would die for me, but he never
thinks to pass me the salt."—J. H.
Marion, Jr., Christian Century.

Yorkshire Registers
Imported For 6 Stake
Geneological Library

By William H. Evans

The parish registers of York-
shire may now be consulted in the
Bay Area 6-Stake geneological li-
brary. Below are those which have
recently been imported:

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1812, The Publications of the York-
shire Parish Society Vol. I, Vol.36,
The Holy Trinity Church Good-
ramgate, York 1573-1812, The Re-
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Yorkshire Part II.



... Dennis L. Lauper

Dennis L. Lauper, Oakland insur-
ance broker, is reported as hav-
ing recently taken over the insur-
ance accounts of Ben Lamkin of
Castro Valley. As a result the
Lauper brokerage agency has
largely extended its business in
Oakland and also in the Hayward-
Castro Valley and Niles area.

The agency's office will remain
however, at 3687 Delmont Avenue,
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San Joaquin President
Wendell B. Mendephall
Church Building Head

Appointment of Wendell B.
Mendenhall, president of San Joa-
quin Stake, as the new chairman
of the Church building committee
was announced July 19 by the
First Presidency. A special assign-
ment was given him in May in
connection with building of the
Church college and temple in New
Zealand.

Elder Mendenhall, 47, is an out-
standing livestock man of Califor-
nia, operating a large acreage of
land for the fattening of cattle, a
ranch and a livestock transporta-
tion company.

His Church activities include a
three-year mission to New Zea-
land, bishop of Stockton Ward,
president of San Joaquin Stake.

A Deseret News editorial honors
Pres. Mendenhall as "A Big Man
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our families who now have a
year's stored food and clothing
—and answers to numberless
similar research problems.

If you are such a person let
the Messenger know, please. A
research editor who would
really enjoy working on such
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dence is not a factor, but the
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finitely The factor. So... come
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enrich the paper, gain writing
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Nine Beneficial Life Men
Of Charles Taylor Agency
Honored at Jubilee Doings

Nine Northern California busi-
nessmen were honored at the
Beneficial Life Insurance Com-
pany's golden jubilee celebration
held recently in Salt Lake City.

Those receiving recognition as
among the company's highest pro-
ducing agents were William V.
Emery and Don C. Woods, Berke-
ley; Lester J. Swayze, Concord;
James C. Nackos and Marion D.
Redford, Oakland; H. J. Hicken-
looper and Horace J. Ritchie, San
Francisco; H. Melvin Rolling,
Santa Rosa, and Charles J. Tay-
lor, Oakland.

The fiftieth birthday celebra-
tion was held June 20, 21 and 22 in
Salt Lake City.

Last year Beneficial wrote
\$50,501,152 in new policies to bring
its total insurance in force to
\$320,982,064.

The fast-growing firm will mark
the beginning of its second half-
century by launching construc-
tion on an eight-story, million dol-
lar addition to its home office in
Salt Lake City, across from Temple
Square.

President of the firm is David
O. McKay, president of the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints, which in 1927 purchased all
outstanding shares of company
stock.

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each of us—the false, where a
person is free to do what they
like; and the true, where a per-
son is free to do what they ought
to do.

One fact stands out in bold re-
lief in the history of man's at-
tempts for betterment. When com-
plulsion is used only resentment is
aroused, and the end is not gained.
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appeal to men's reason can a move-
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